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初期のイメージどおりにマンガを描くのは難しい。自分でも思っていなかった展開になったり、予定していたシーンになかなかたどり着けなかったりする事もあったりする。でも、そうする事で新しいアイディアが生まれたり、予想以上の効果が得られたりするのもまた事実だ。『いばらの王』はそんなマンガである。

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生き延びるための手段を探して、城内を探索するカスミたち。だが、波力発電所からの帰還中、仲間のひとりが突然、反乱！　カスミを誘拐したまま古城の奥へと消えてしまった。あとに残された仲間たちは怪生物の猛攻撃を受けて、ひとり、またひとりと傷つき倒れていく……。緊迫と絶望に包まれた、古城脱出活劇第2巻！

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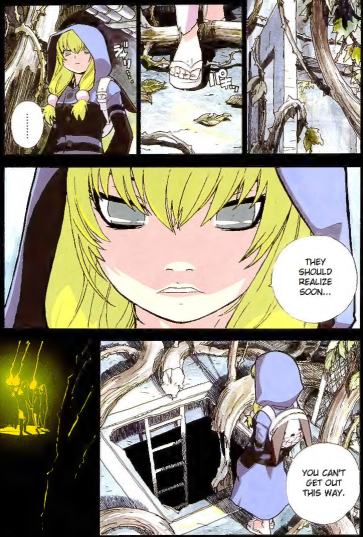
THEY SHOULD REALIZE SOON...
YOU CAN'T GET OUT THIS WAY.

Chapter 6
Into the
Black Abyss

WE'RE GOING SLIGHTLY DOWN RIGHT NOW.
THIS IS AN UNDERSEA TUNNEL CONNECTED TO THE CENTER.
POWER LINES...
THEY'LL DEFINITELY COME.
WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO IF MORE MONSTERS SHOW UP?
IT WILL GO BACK UP, RIGHT?
BUT...
KYAA
DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH.
FSSSH
WITH THAT THING?
IF THAT HAPPENS...
I'LL BURN THEM TO A CRISP.

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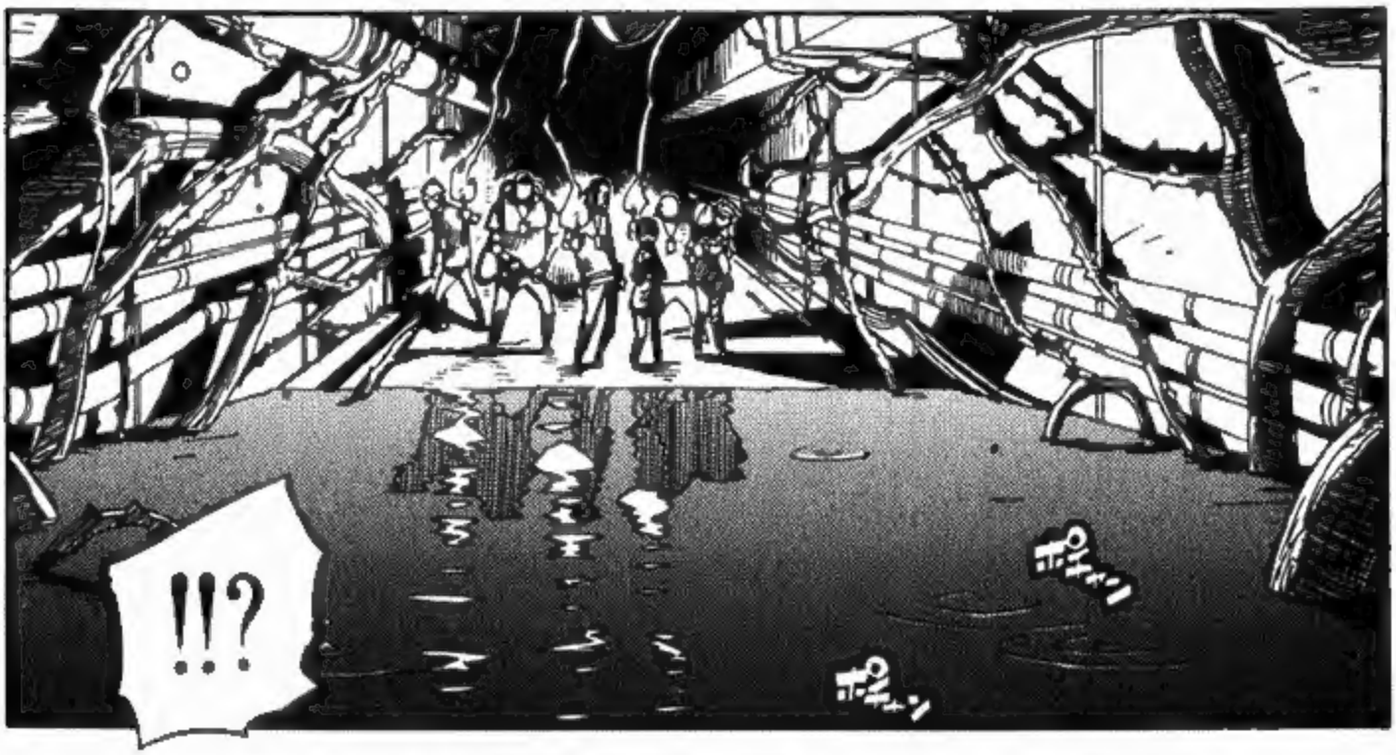
?
LOOK...
WHAT'S WRONG?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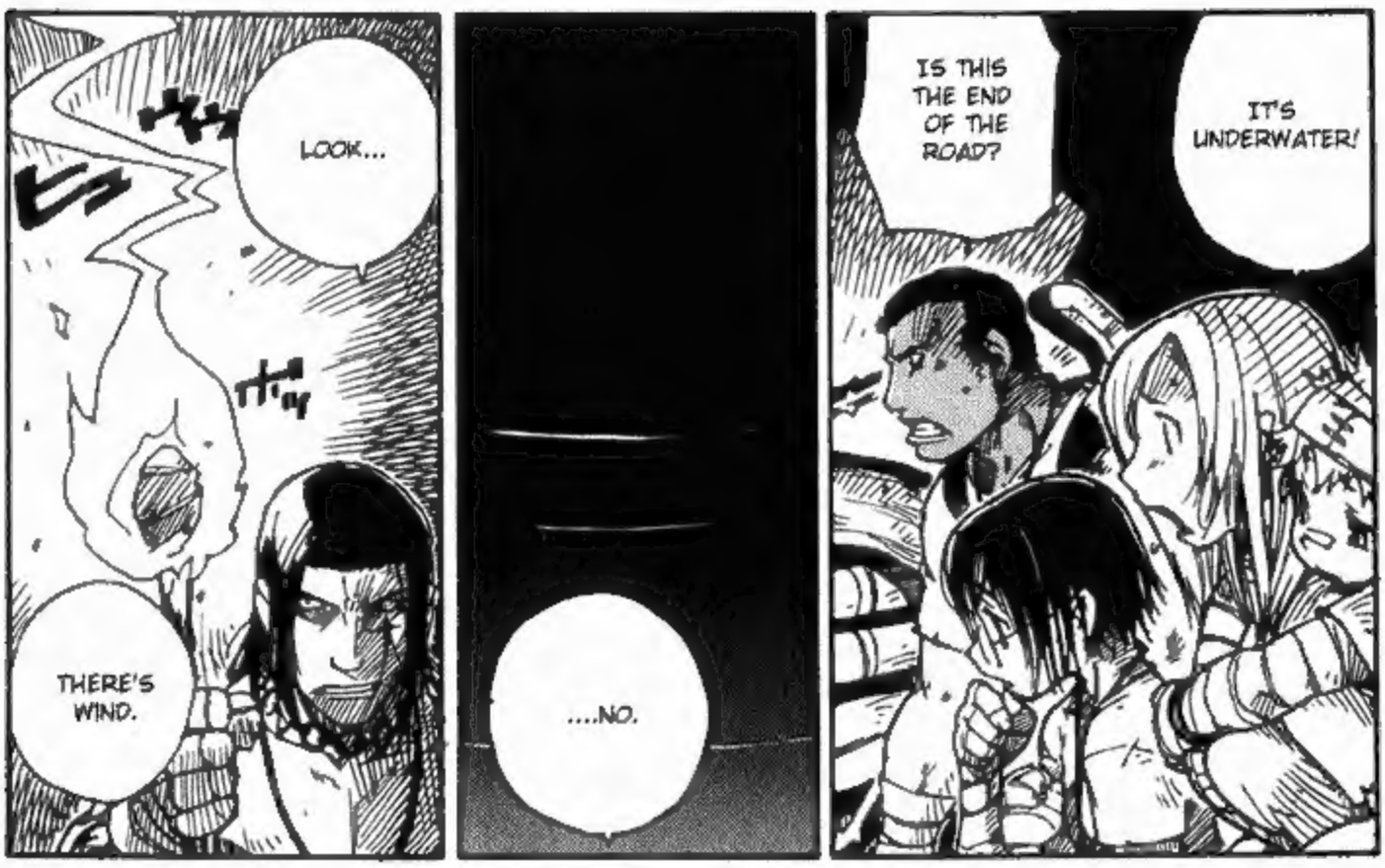
LOOK...
THERE'S WIND.
....NO.
IS THIS THE END OF THE ROAD?
IT'S UNDERWATER!

THERE ARE HIGH VOLTAGE WIRES RUNNING UNDER THERE.
DON'T JUST WALTZ IN.
STOP!
ビリッ
スー
.....
IT SHOULD CONNECT ON THE OTHER SIDE.
YOU GO FIRST
BUT.
.....
IT MAKES SENSE.
YOU'RE THE HEALTHIEST OF US..

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!

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BACK OFF

ARC

WEN

ゴゴゴ

.....

WHA...

WHAT'S THAT VOICE?

.....

WHAT A JACKASS.

.....

DON'T WORRY.

IT'S THAT LARGE.

IT SOUNDS FAR AWAY.

IT'S NOT IN THE TUNNEL.

SPLOSH

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HOLD ON!

H..

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BLUB

BLUB

.....

NOW HURRY UP.

BETTER THAN COLD WATER.

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IT'S LUKEWARM...

WHAT'S WRONG?

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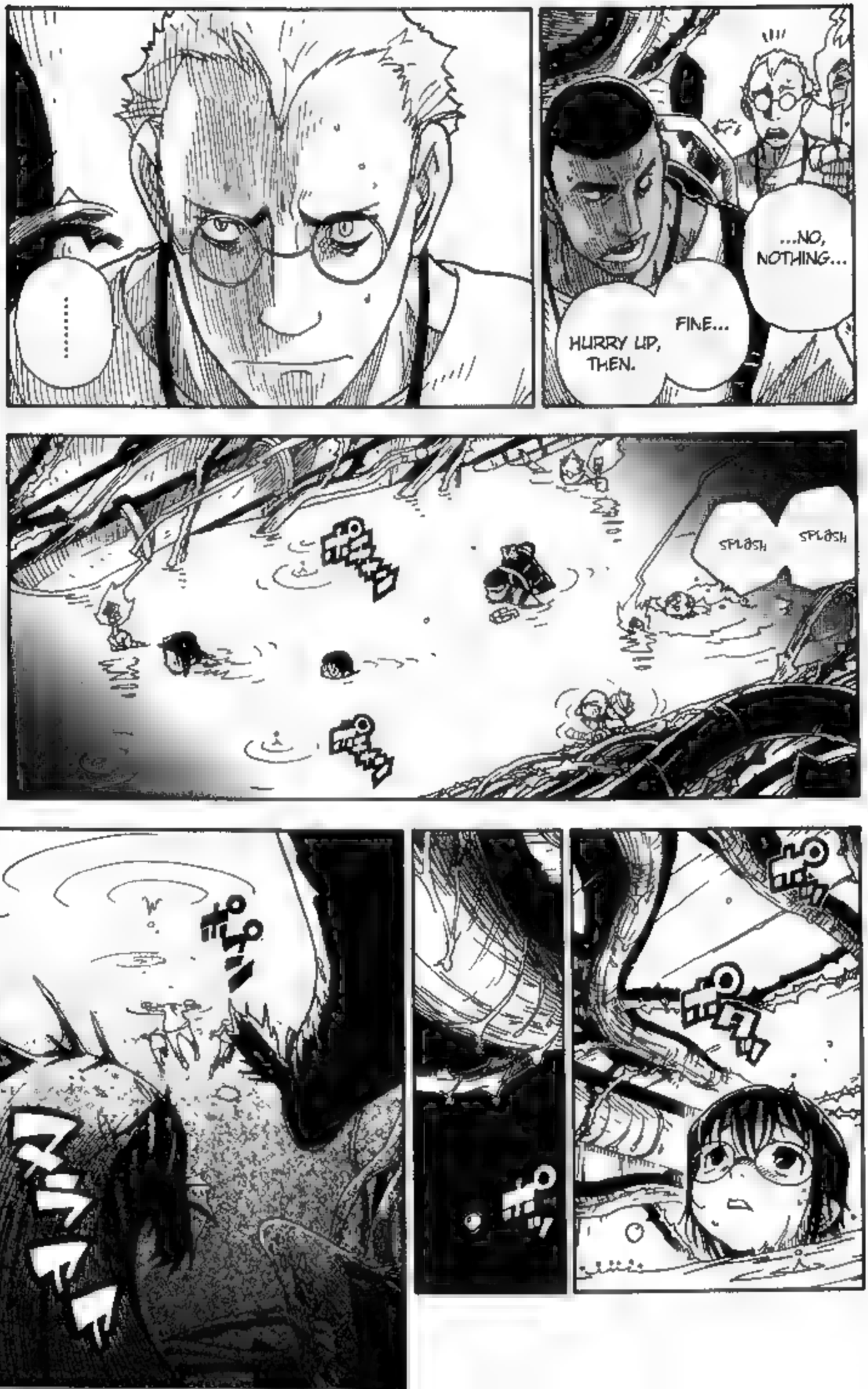
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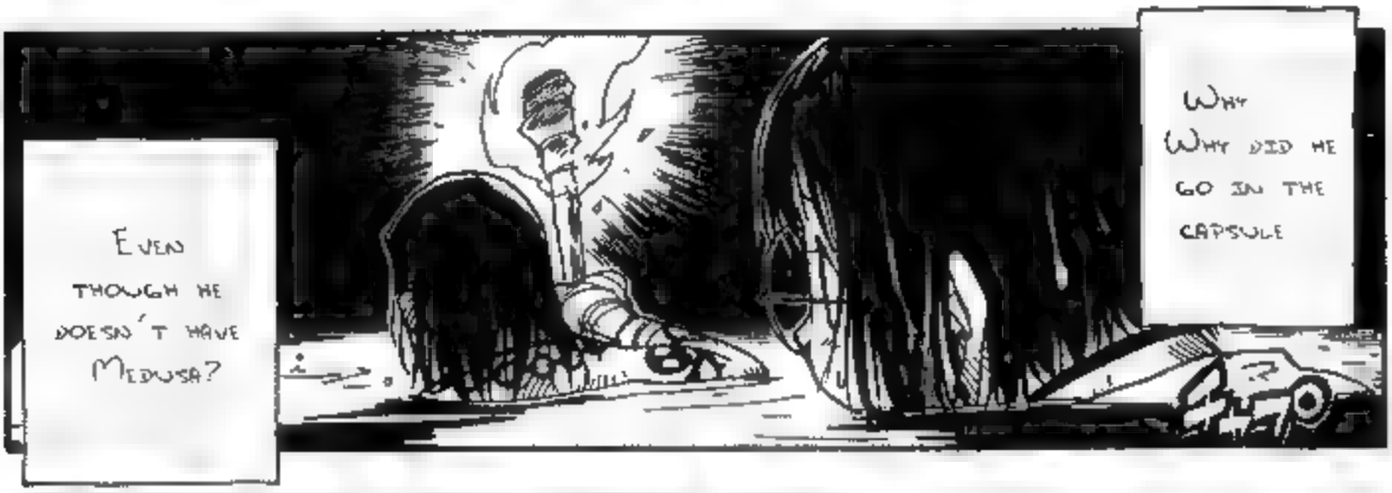
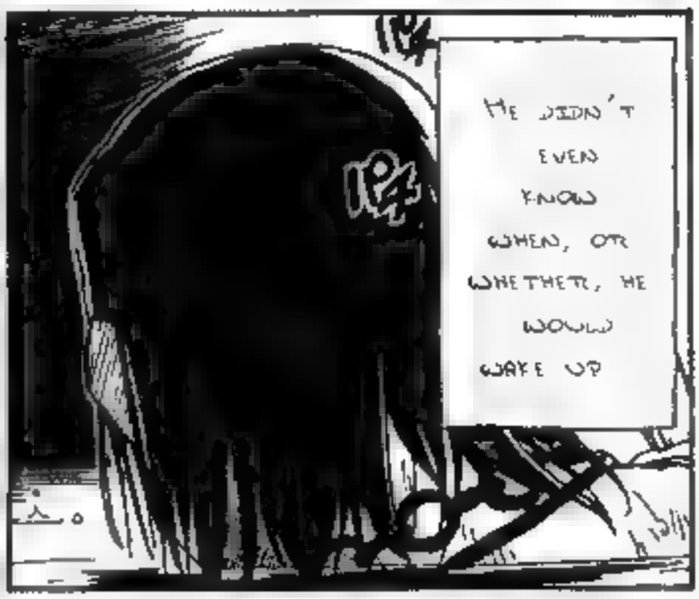
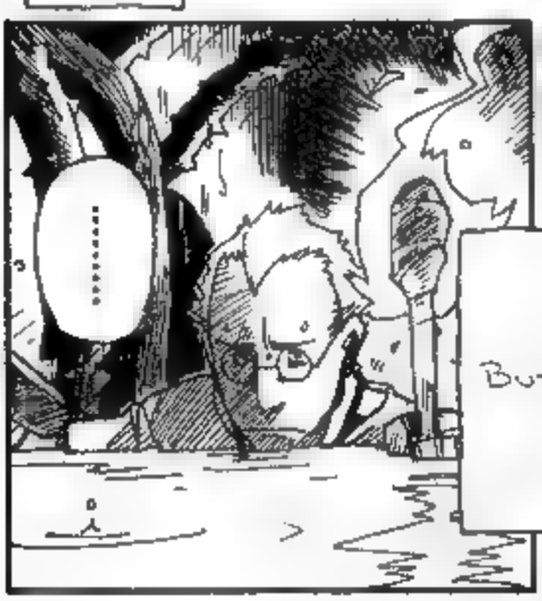
...NO, NOTHING...
FINE...
HURRY UP, THEN.
SPLASH
SPLASH


Even though he doesn't have Medusa?
Why Why did he go in the capsule

He didn't know?
Is that true?


He didn't even know when, or whether, he would wake up


.....
But

He shouldn't have known

SHIZUKU COULD HAVE...
JUST MAYBE...
MAYBE IF HE HADN'T GONE IN THE CAPSULE...
MAYBE...

ドゴ

BUT NO, HE...
WE SHOULD HAVE STAYED AND WAITED FOR HELP LIKE I SAID.
LET IT GO!
!
DAMN IT!
THIS IS ALL HIS FAULT.
WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE!
JUST SHUT UP...
JUST LIKE A HOODLUM.

HELLO?
.....?
!!!
!!?
WHA...
UGH...
?
CHUNK
CHUNK
CHUNK

SHHK

CHOMP

.....

UH...

.....!!!

R...RUN AWAY!

KYAAAAAA!

ギロン
WAAAH!
Hah
Hah
WAIT!!!
ビリ
DON'T MOVE!!!
ビリッ!!
!!?
.....!?
LOOK CAREFULLY...

!!!

YEESH...

HE COULDN'T SEE ANYONE ELSE.

WHEN HE WAS GOING FOR THE GUY IN THE BACK,

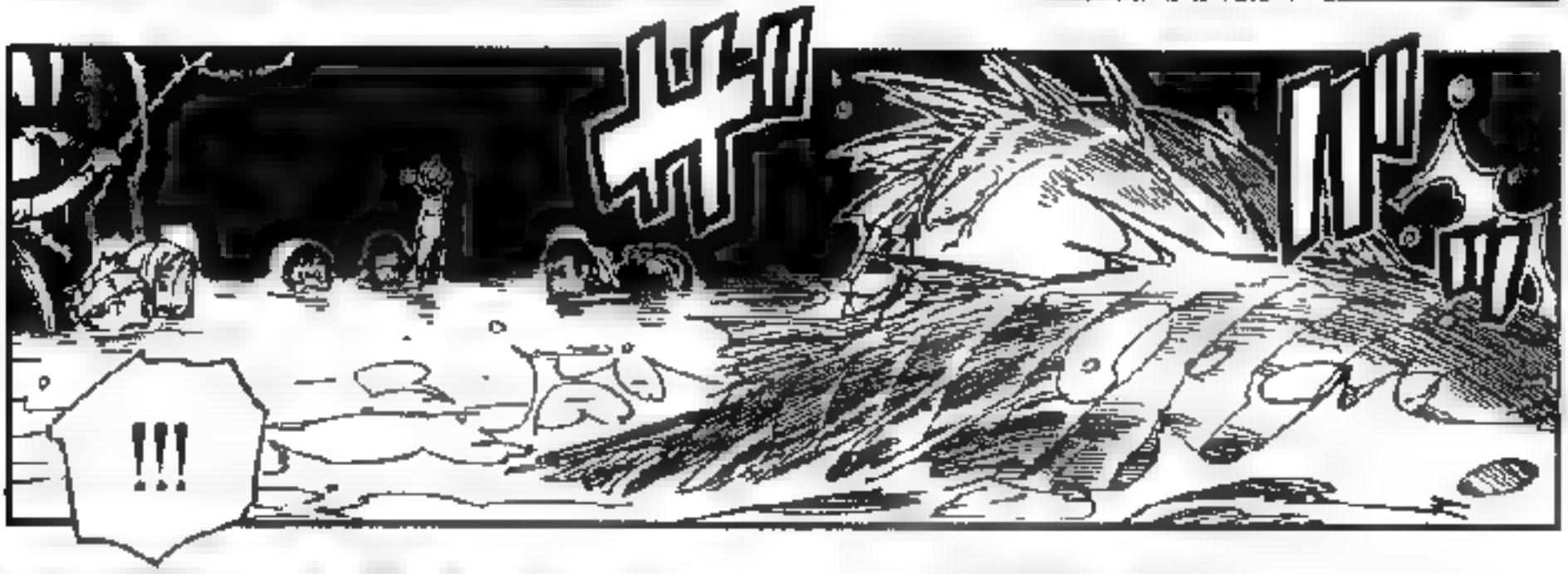
W.. WHY?

IF YOU JUST FLOAT THERE, HE CAN'T SEE YOU.

DON'T MOVE!

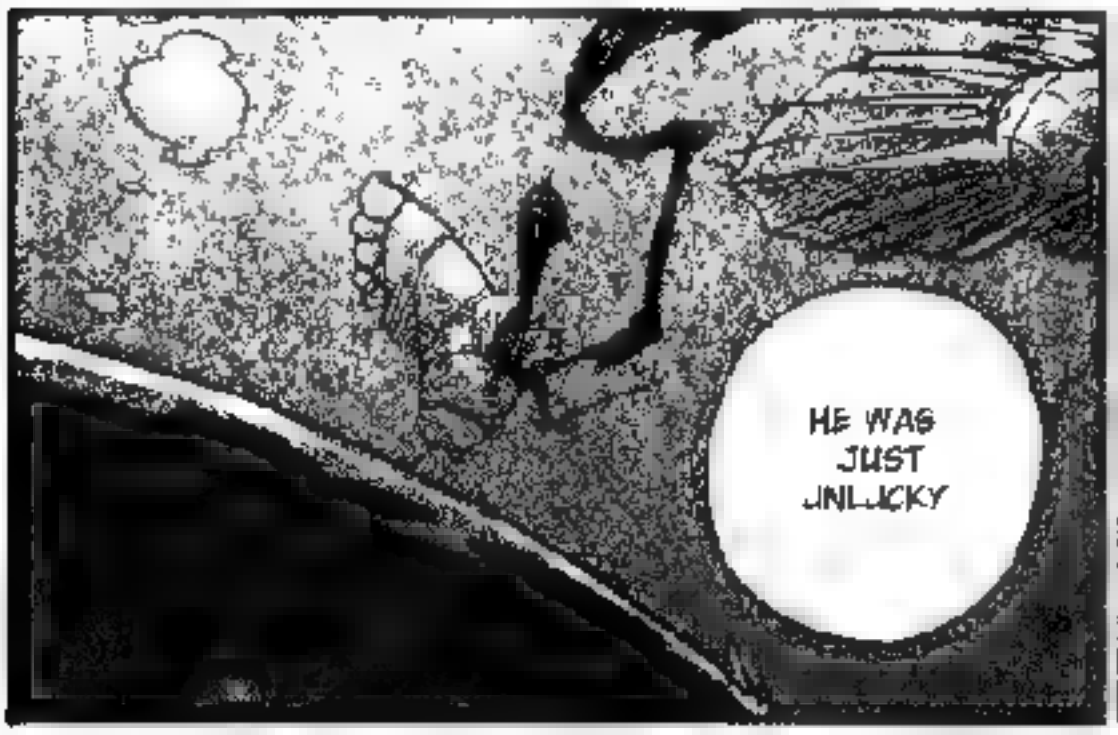
AH

WATCH.


!!!

YEAH.
SO IF WE MOVE SLOWLY, WE SHOULD BE ALL RIGHT. .

I GUESS THAT DIMMED HIS SENSES.
THE WATER IS AT HUMAN BODY TEMPERA-TURE. .
HE CAN ONLY SENSE THINGS BY THE RIPPLES ON THE WATER NOW.


HE WAS JUST UNLUCKY

LET'S GO.

.....

WHEW

WHEW

.....

DON'T MAKE ANY WAVES.

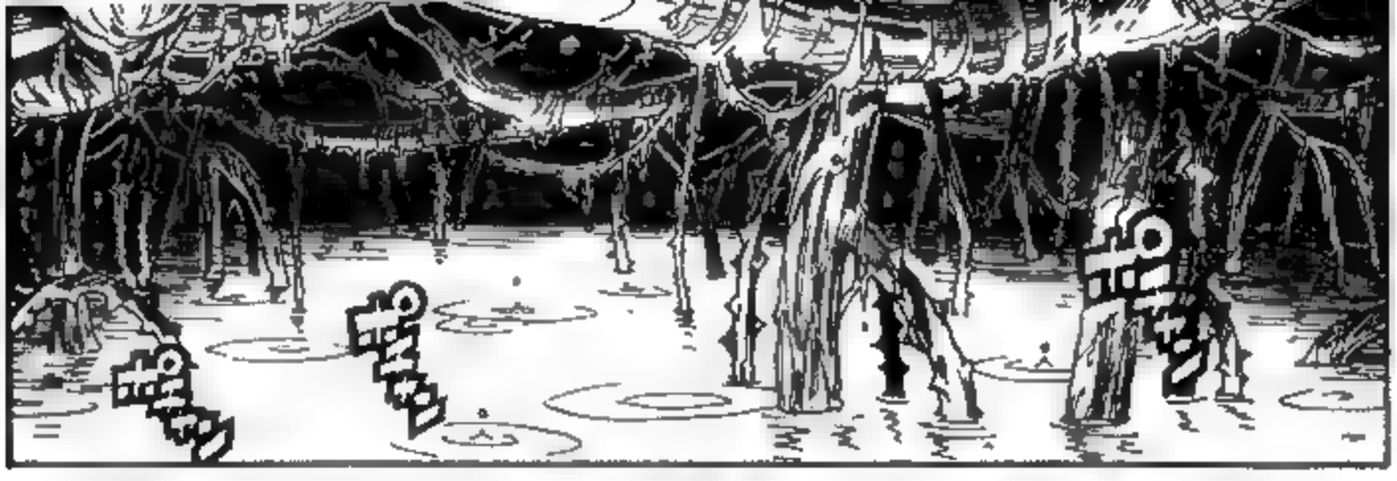
You

.....

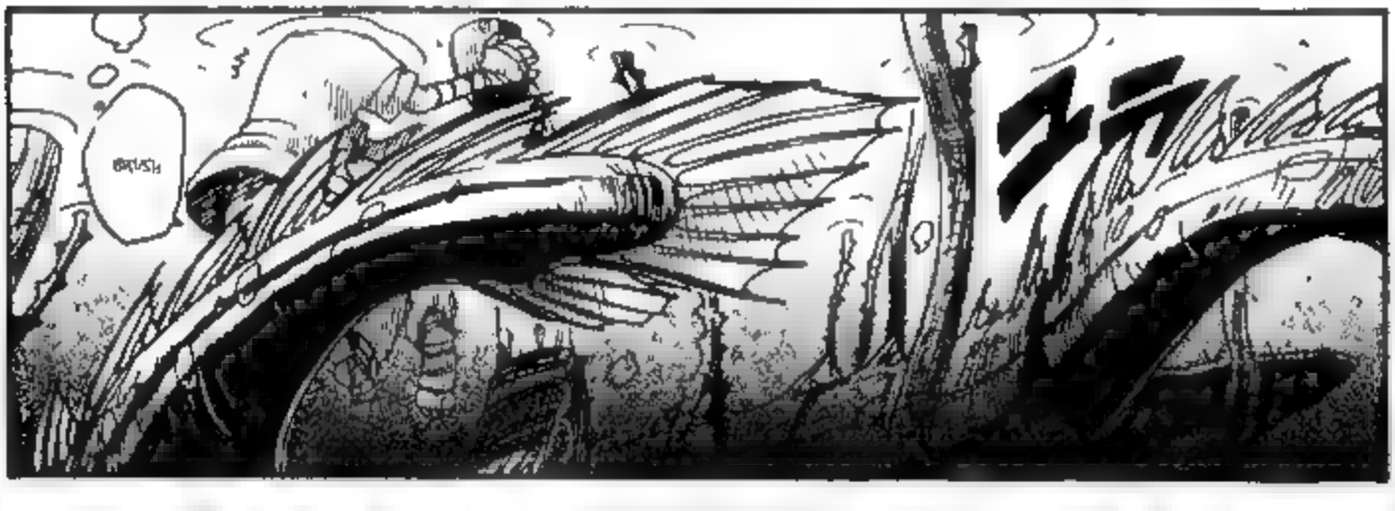
HEHE...

What do you know?

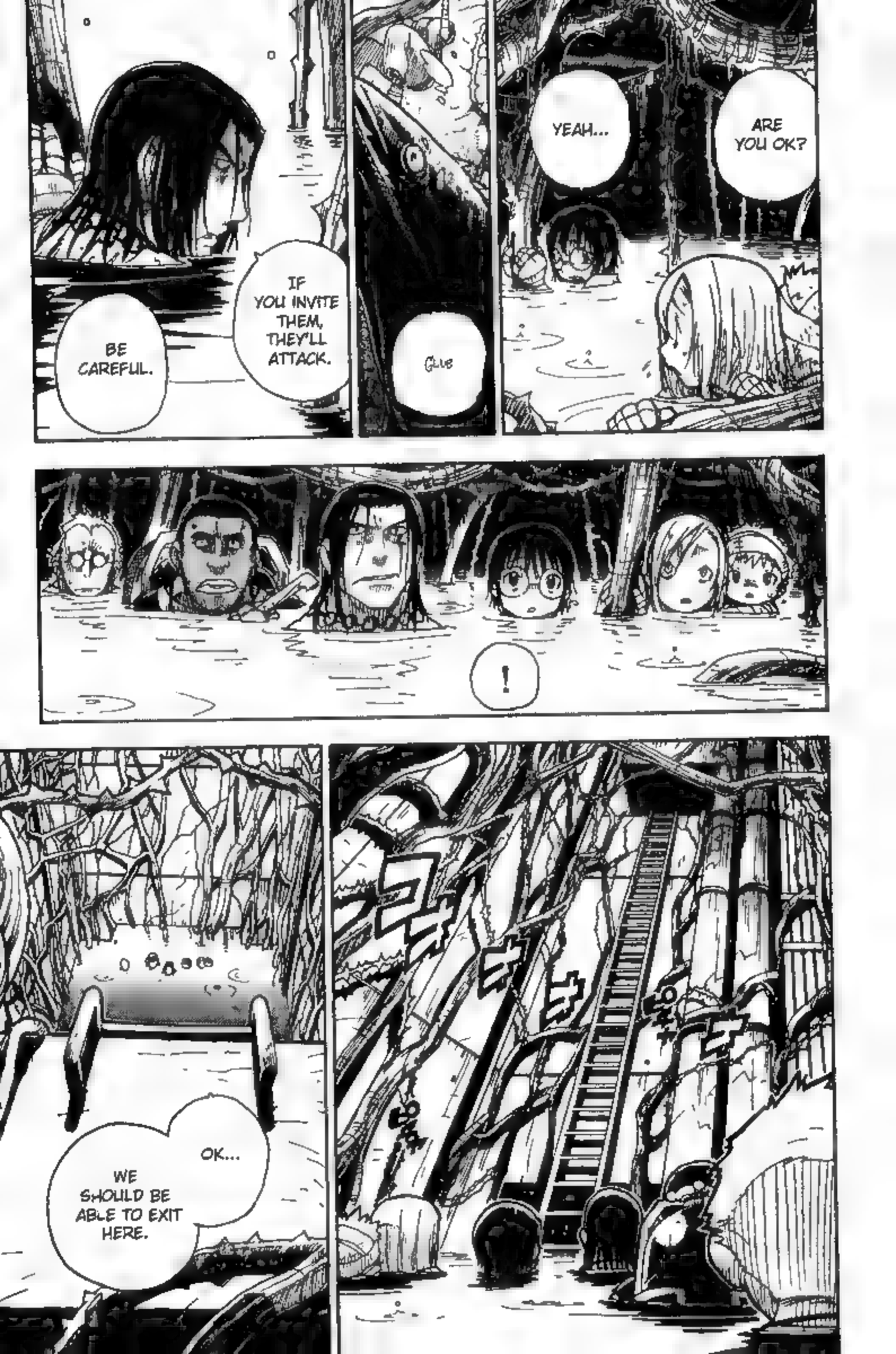
About this world



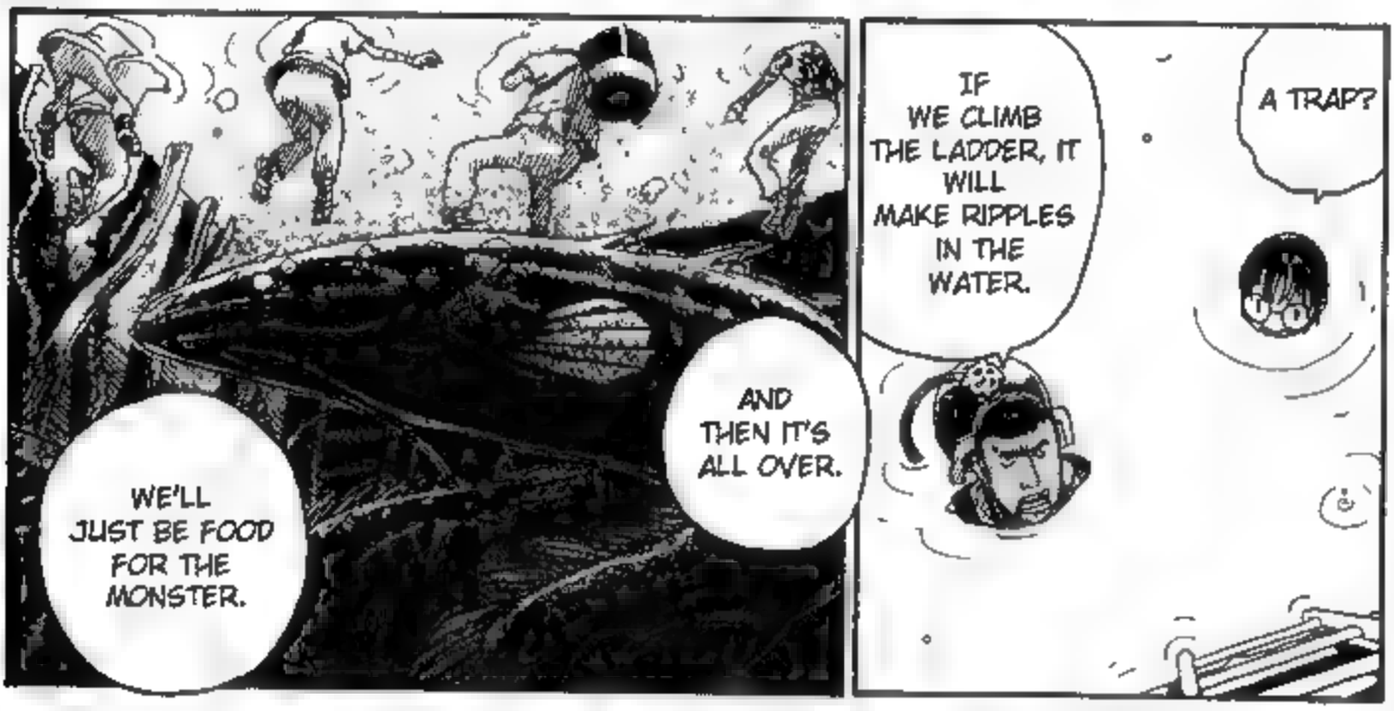
THE CEILING IS GETTING LOWER.

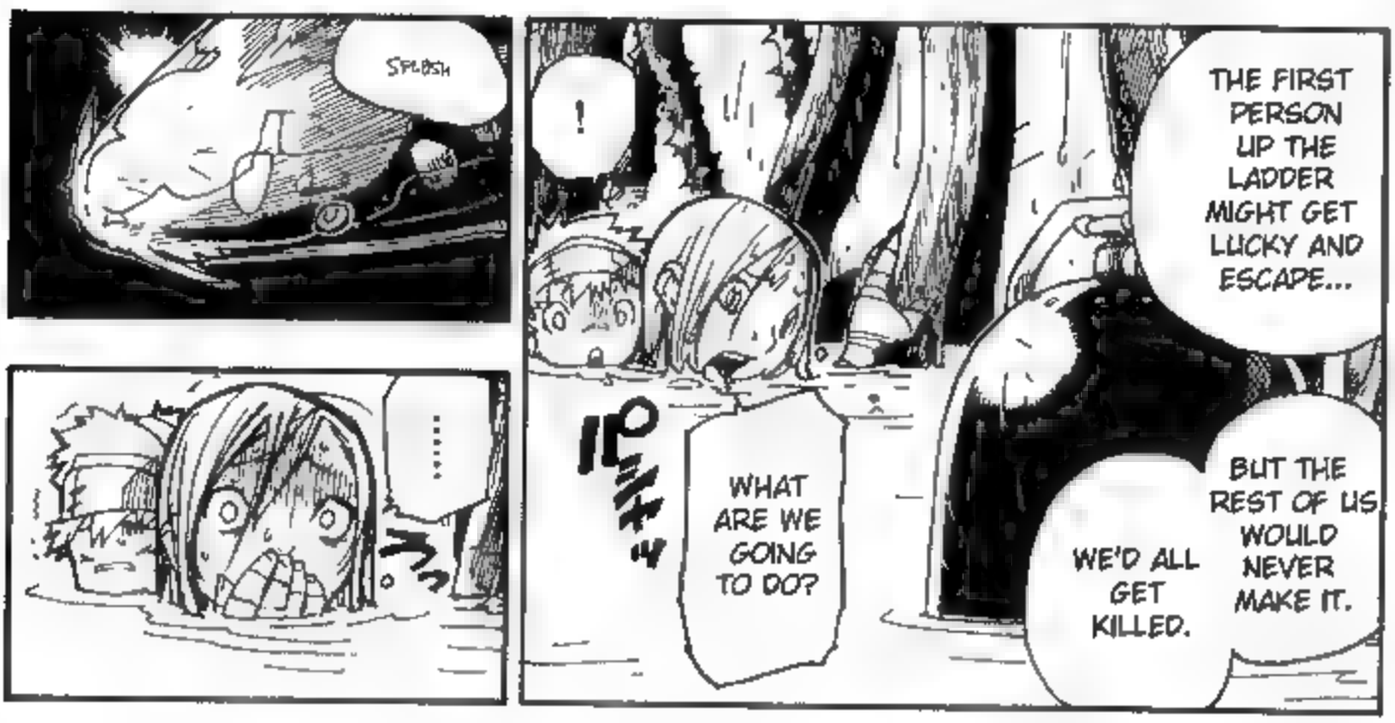

BRUSH

NN!!

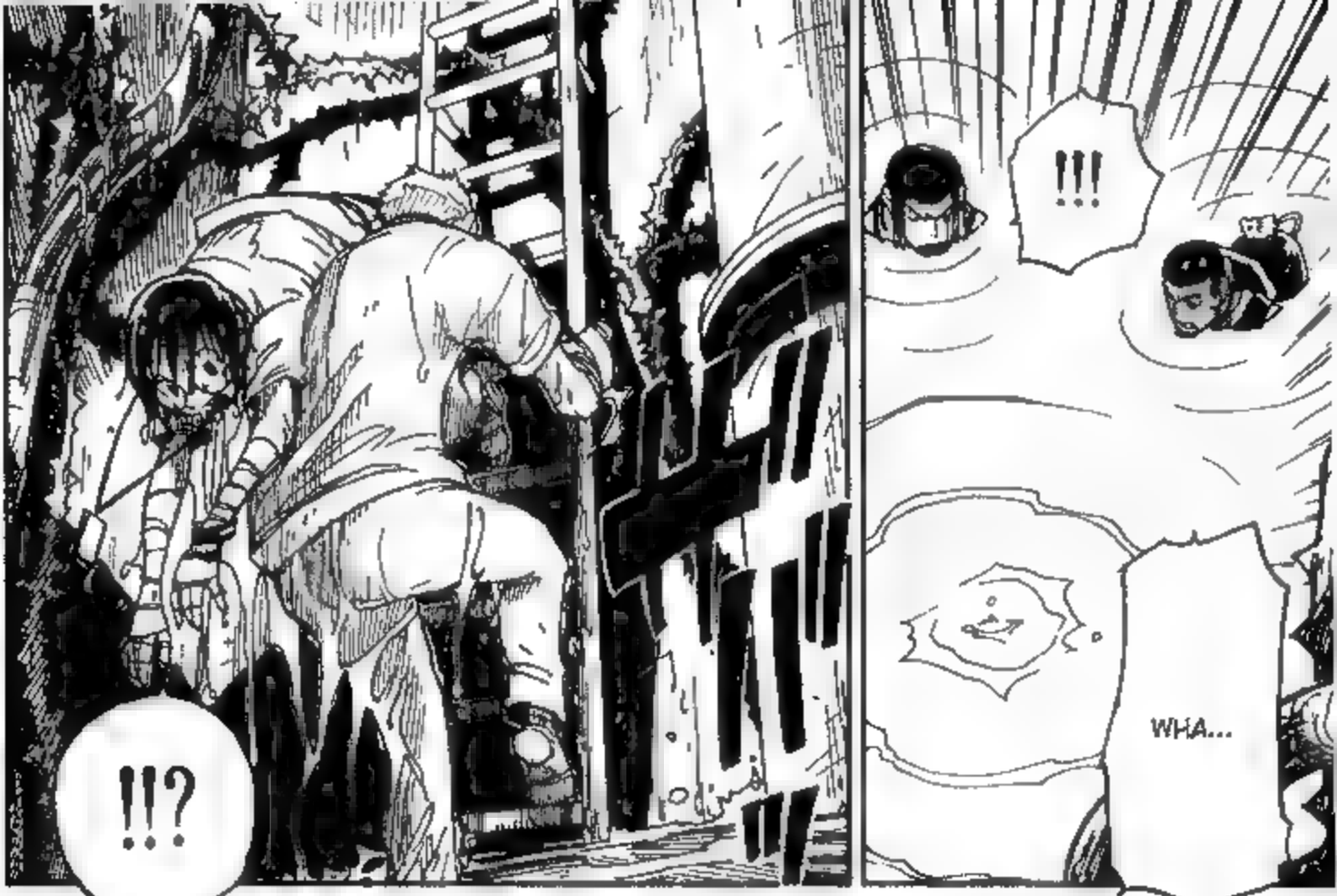

BE CAREFUL.
IF YOU INVITE THEM, THEY'LL ATTACK.
Glue
YEAH...
ARE YOU OK?
!
OK...
WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO EXIT HERE.

THIS IS JUST A TRAP.
THIS...
WAIT!
LET ME TAKE HIM UP FIRST.


WE'LL JUST BE FOOD FOR THE MONSTER.
AND THEN IT'S ALL OVER.
IF WE CLIMB THE LADDER, IT WILL MAKE RIPPLES IN THE WATER.
A TRAP?


SPLASH
.....
!
WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?
WE'D ALL GET KILLED.
BUT THE REST OF US WOULD NEVER MAKE IT.
THE FIRST PERSON UP THE LADDER MIGHT GET LUCKY AND ESCAPE...

.....
.....!
A DECOY?
IF WE CAN DISTRACT HIM...
PAY ATTENTION.
.....
A DECOY?
NO...
KYA!
WHO DO YOU THINK?
.....
NOT BAD.
BUT WHO?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!!!
WHA...

SORRY...
!!?
.....
!?

DON'T GIVE UP WITHOUT A FIGHT.

GET AWAY!

AGH

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING...

CHOMP

NOOOOOO!
!!?
UGH.

!!

ori

KYAAAAAA!

!!!

UGH

HEEEEELP!!!
PUT ME DOWN!
SHIT.

PUT ME DOWN!
PUT...

!!
DON'T MOVE!

YAH!

HAH
HAH
WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?
W...
UNH.
KYA!
GET OVER HERE.
YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING.

WE CAN'T GET OUT.
THERE'S NO EXIT...
DAMN
I THOUGHT THAT HE WOULD GIVE UP...
WHEN WE WERE JUST CRAWLING THROUGH THE POWER STATION.

WAH!
GET AWAY!
RUN, NOW!
.....
NO!
COME ON, LET'S GO!
NO!
DAMN.
GO, WHILE HE'S DISTRACTED BY THE GAS CANISTER!

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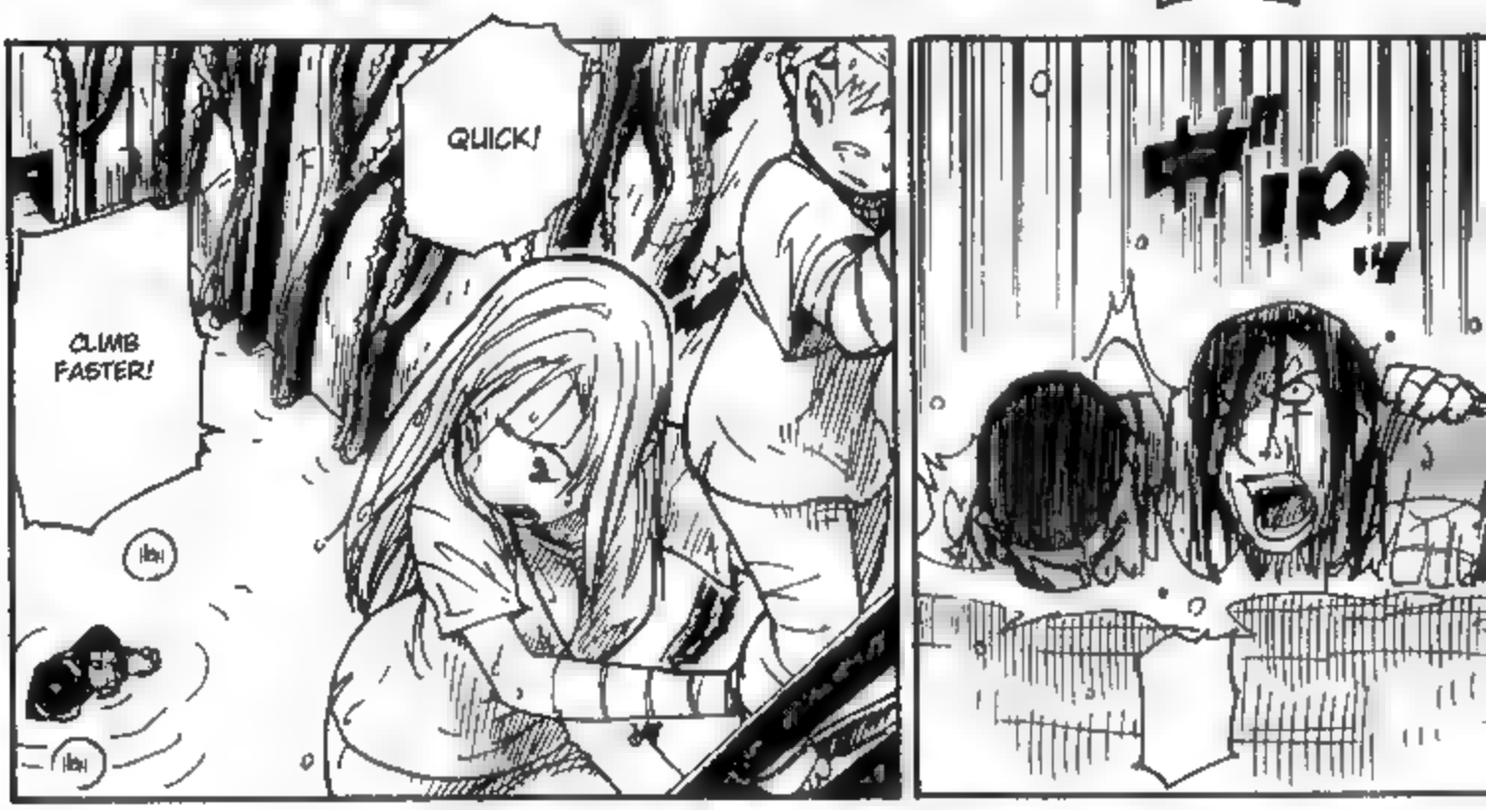
YOU'RE RESISTANT, AREN'T YOU.
IF YOU WANT TO GO, GO BY YOURSELF!


QUICK!
CLIMB FASTER!
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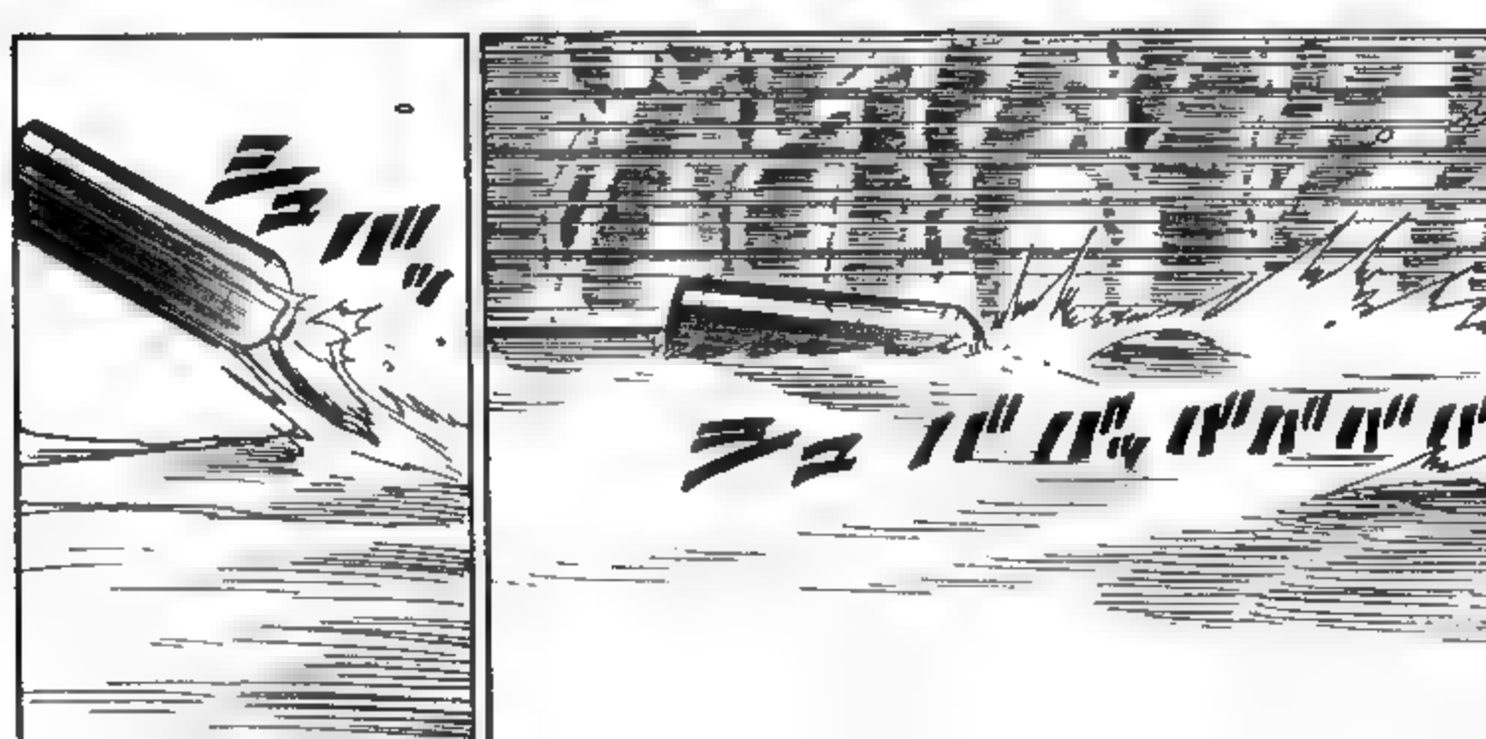

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UGH!!!

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!

JUST A MINUTE...

MY LEG...

THAT LOOKS BAD!!

.....

N...

NO WAY...

HEY...

.....

WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?

THEY DON'T HAVE HAPPY SANGOKUSHI, BUT MANGA SCREENER IS STILL THE HOME OF THE BEST MANGA ON THE NET
MANGA SCREENER

Chapter 7

And, Then, Alone...

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ズル

……

ARE YOU OK?

SPLAT

ズル

ズル

?

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……

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skrik

……

……!

WE'RE DOWN TO SIX PEOPLE NOW.
ONE MORE DEAD...
OUCH...
UGH...
ONE GUY BETRAYED US.
DON'T COUNT HIM.
DAMN.

NO GOOD.
WE CAN'T OPEN IT FROM THIS SIDE.
IP?
!?

THAT BASTARD...
DAMN IT!
IS THERE ANOTHER WAY OUT?
HE MADE SURE OF THAT.

.....
NOTHING THAT COULD HELP US OUT?
YOU DON'T HAVE ANY IDEAS?
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO SAID WE COULD GET OUT THIS WAY!
.....
NO.
THEN WHAT DO WE DO?
NO??

WE...

WE DON'T HAVE TIME!

!?

HE HAS AS MUCH TIME AS HE WANTS.

WHAT?

NOT LIKE US.

HE DOESN'T HAVE MEDUSA.

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?

.....

!?

YELLING AT HIM'S NOT GOING TO DO ANYTHING.

RIGHT NOW...

DON'T BOTHER.

WHAT THE HELL...

DO YOU KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENED TO THE REST OF THE WORLD?

HE'S GOT SOME OTHER REASON FOR BEING HERE BESIDES A MEDUSA CURE.

HE SEEMS TO KNOW HIS WAY AROUND PRETTY WELL.

BUT...

MEDUSA MIGHT HAVE SPREAD TO THE WHOLE WORLD, AND AFTER THAT...

WE'VE BEEN SLEEPING THE WHOLE TIME.

WE WOULDN'T KNOW A THING.

.....!?

AND BECAUSE YOU KNOW THAT SECRET...

YOU'RE HERE.

BUT WAS IT ACTUALLY JUST THAT A SMALL GROUP OF PEOPLE KNEW EVERYTHING...

AND HID IT FROM THE WORLD?

EVERYONE BELIEVED THAT MEDUSA WAS A MYSTERIOUS AND UNKNOWN DISEASE.

YOU CAN EVEN HACK INTO THE CIA'S COMPUTERS...

RIGHT?

.....

THE TRUTH IS...

THERE'S NO CURE...

AND NO WAY OUT.

COME HERE A MINUTE.
!?
BOY!
GEEZ...
THERE'S NO OTHER BOY AROUND.
.....
JUST A MINUTE.
.....
ME?
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH HIM?
W...
WAIT!
.....?

YOU GUYS ARE ALL TO SLOW...

SO I THINK WE CAN PUT HIM TO USE.

I DIDN'T WANT TO SHOW THIS TO YOU...

.....

WHAT??

THE OUTER AND INNER RINGS ROTATE SEPARATELY.

GO AHEAD AND TURN THEM.

.....?

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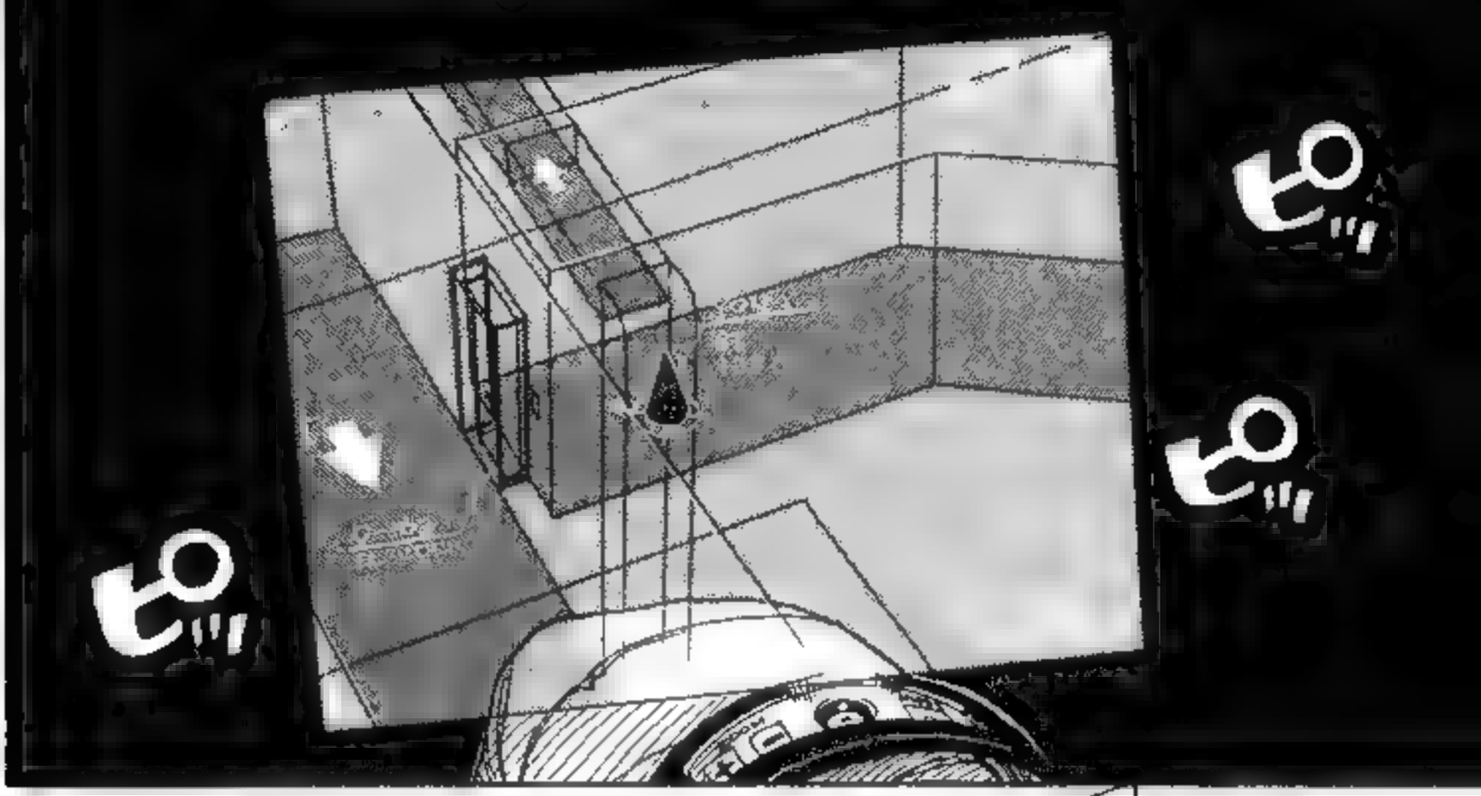

IT'S A MAP.
A GAME?

WHAT'S THAT?
W...
!!?

OPEN THAT DOOR FOR US.
YOU'RE GOING TO...

BOY...
WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
TIM...
T...

OK, TIM.

W...
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
!!?

.....!
I'LL TELL YOU LATER.
THAT MAP THING...
AND WHAT IS THAT?

ZUI
BUT FROM THE OTHER SIDE IT CAN JUST BE PUSHED OPEN.
WE CAN'T OPEN THE ELECTRONIC LOCK ON THE DOOR FROM THIS SIDE.
W...
WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING?

WE CAN'T.

BUT THE BOY CAN.

BUT WE CAN'T GET THERE, SO THAT'S A DEAD END!

THE OTHER SIDE...

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N...

NO WAY...

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CLANK

ゴオオオ

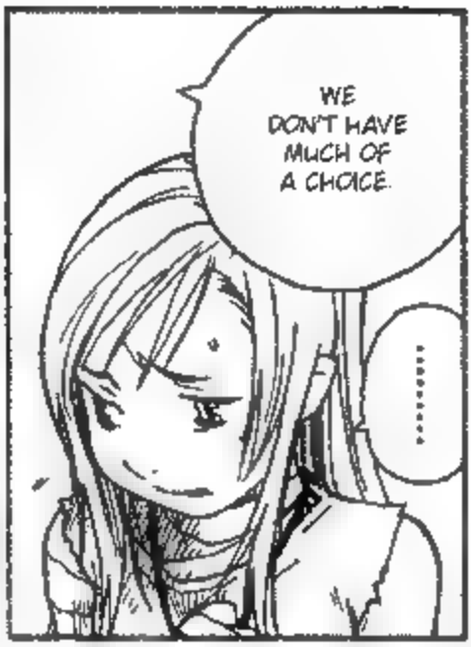
.....

.....

HOW IS IT?
CAN YOU FIT?
JUST A MINUTE!
YOU CAN'T DO THIS!
DON'T LET HIM GO ALL BY HIMSELF!
.....
YEAH...
BUT...
WE CAN'T DO ANYTHING ELSE NOW.
THEN CAN YOU FIT IN HERE AND CRAWL THROUGH THE DUCT?
WE DON'T KNOW WHAT WILL BE THERE.
THERE MIGHT BE THOSE DINOSAUR THINGS, OR THE BIG THINGS FROM THE ELEVATOR HALL...
AREN'T YOU WORRIED ABOUT HIM?
UGH...
HIS LEG WILL NEED MEDICAL ATTENTION SOON TOO.

WHAT??

I'LL GO.
!


WE DON'T HAVE MUCH OF A CHOICE.
.....

BUT ONLY I CAN GO UP HERE.
I'LL GO AND OPEN THE DOOR.
I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO DO ANYTHING ELSE...

OK.
WE'RE COUNTING ON YOU.

TIM!
DON'T WORRY, I'M FINE.

.....
CLANG
CLANG
AH..
I'M NOT SCARED.
ブン
ブン
I'M NOT SCARED.
キュッ
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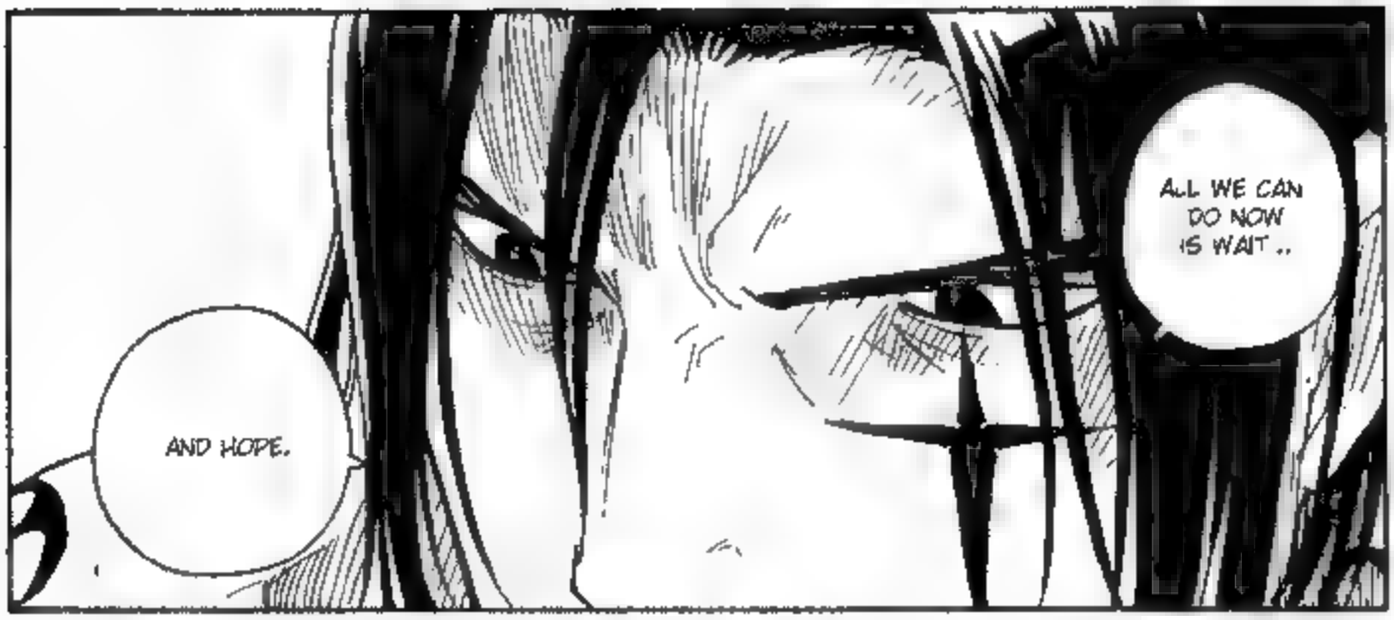
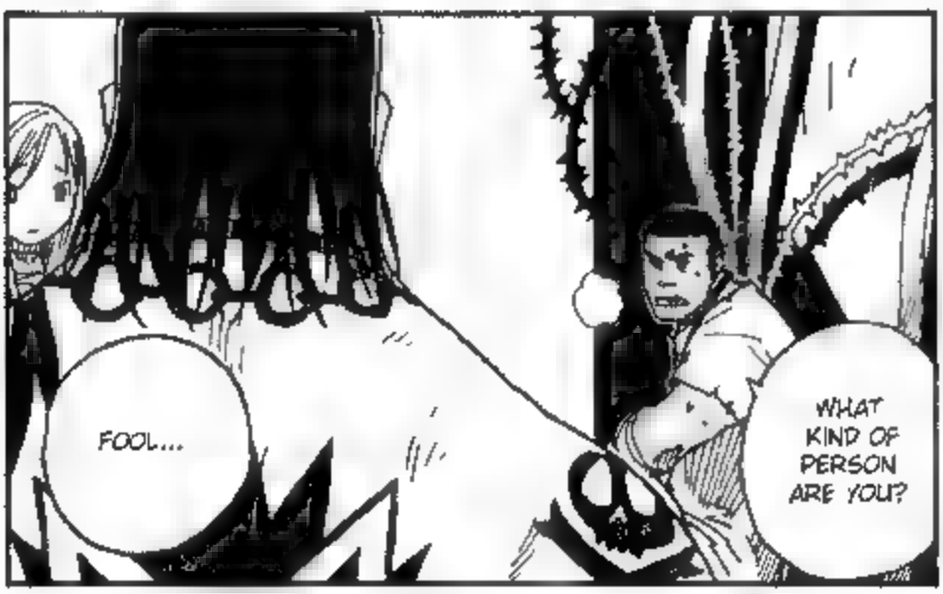
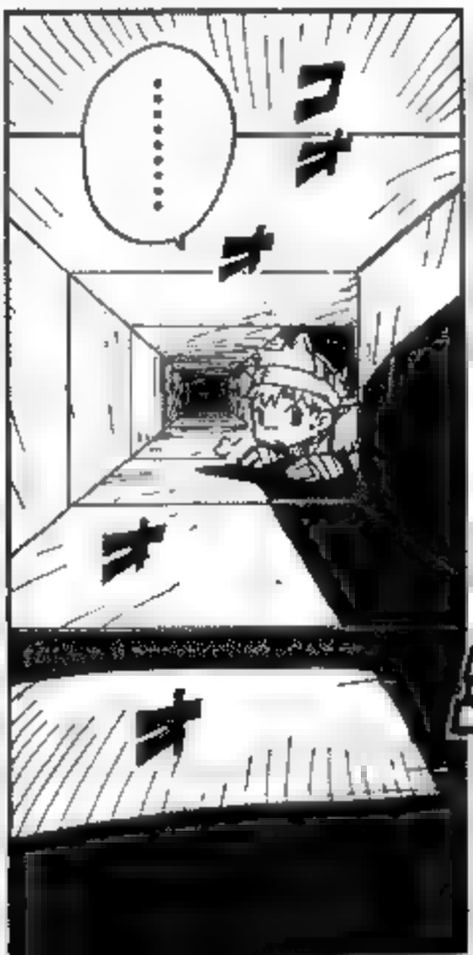
ブン
ブン
LIKE I SAID...
THERE'S NO OTHER WAY.
IS THIS REALLY OK?


ALL WE CAN DO NOW IS WAIT ..
AND HOPE.


FOOL...
WHAT KIND OF PERSON ARE YOU?

HEH ..
HOPE?

CLICK
HOLD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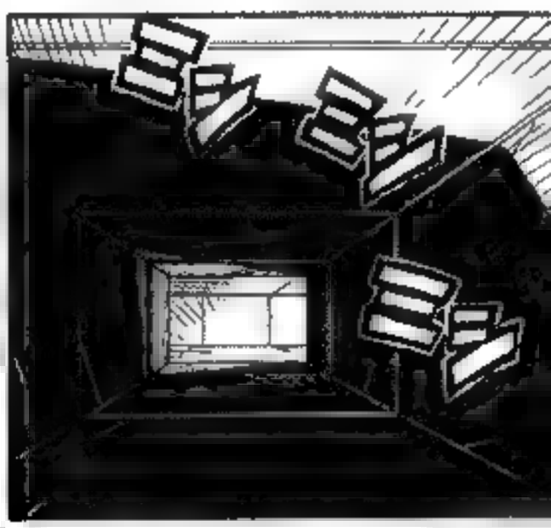


CLINK
HAH
HAH
BEEP
BEEP
.....
CLANG
CLANG
CLANG
WAAH!
.....
.....
GULP

!!!
UGH...
HAH
HAH
HAH
W...
WAAAH!
WAAAA...
AAAAAH!

A..UH!
AAAAAAAA!
AH...

!
UGH...
U...
.....
?

AH...

ZUOW

!!!!!!

OW!

GRAB

ALIGH...

ZH

N...

NO!!

UNH...
UUUN...
UNH...
HAH
HAH
HAH
GRAB
SNIFF
SNIFF
.....
YOU'RE DOING PRETTY WELL...
UH...
UGH...

WHAT??
ARE YOU SERIOUS?
WHAT YOU JUST SAID...
YEAH.

WHY DID YOU LIE TO US UNTIL NOW?
YOU WANTED ME TO SAY THAT?
I'M A SPY.
I WAS HIRED BY THE CIA.
NO WAY YOU WOULD HAVE BELIEVED ME.
AND WHAT THE SENATOR SAID...
WHY WOULD THE CIA WANT A SPY HERE?
THAT SHOULD BE OBVIOUS.
YEAH, HE WAS RIGHT.
UNBELIEVABLE THAT SOMEONE WHO KNEW ABOUT THAT WOULD BE HERE.

THEY WANT TO DESTROY THE IDIOTS WHO ARE TRYING TO SCREW UP THEIR COUNTRY.

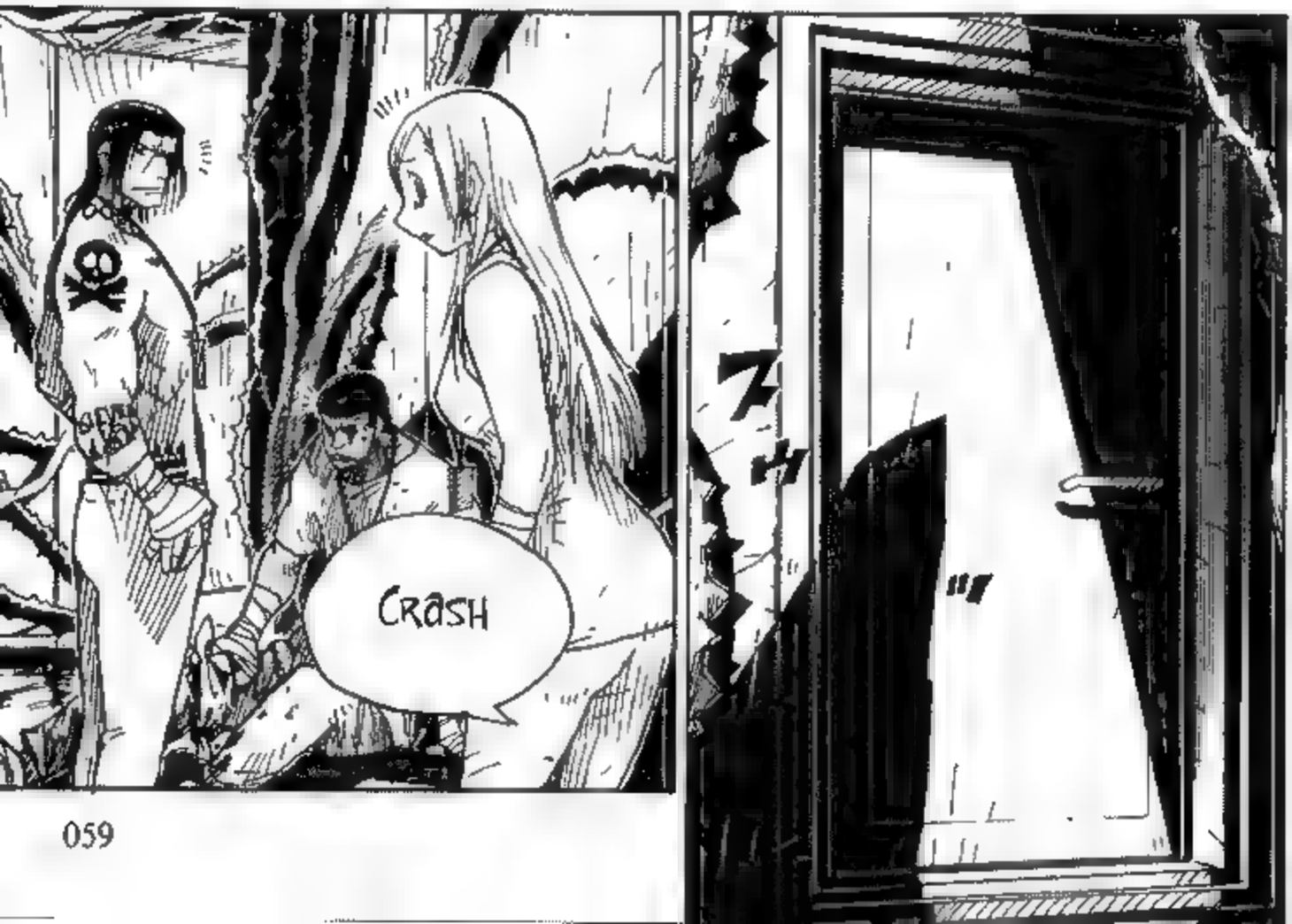
!!?
WHAT??

THOSE 'IDIOTS'...
THEN... ARE YOU SAYING

YEAH.

ANOTHER WORKER WAS SUPPOSED TO OPEN THE CAPSULE I WAS IN.
!!!
BUT APPARENTLY IT DIDN'T GO RIGHT.

NO...
THEY SPREAD MEDUSA AROUND THE WORLD.
MOST LIKELY IT WAS THEM.


CRASH

GOOD, HE MADE IT OK.
IT'S THE KID.
Ah...
!
I DON'T THINK HE'D UNDERSTAND IT IF WE DID.
OK?
THAT STUFF...
WE SHOULDN'T TELL HIM ABOUT IT.
.....
TIM?
.....
TIM!

ｶｯ!!!
I DON'T SEE HIM AT ALL!!
.....
HE'S GONE!
!?
I DON'T...
KYAA!

GOAHH

CLANG
CLANG
CRASH
CLANG
CLANG
CLANG
COUGH
COUGH
WHEW.
COUGH
COUGH
COUGH

CLANG
CLANG
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WHEW.
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Chapter 8

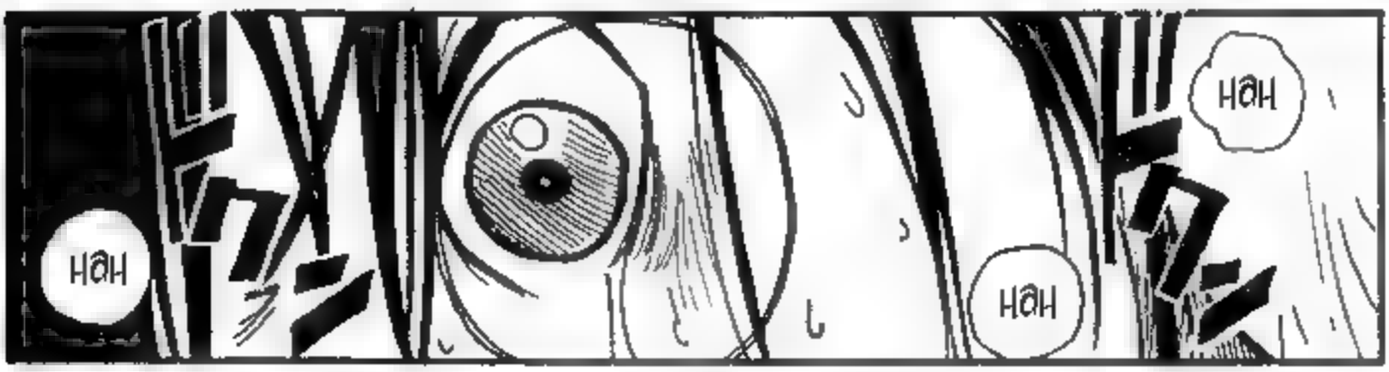
One Step Towards the Truth

THE NOSTALGIC SCENT OF SOAP...
THE SOUND OF FLOWING WATER
ZHO
ZHO
ZHO
ZHO
FILLED IT UNTIL IT SEEMED LIKE IT WOULD OVERFLOW.
I ALWAYS...
OK...
I'LL JOIN YOU.

ALWAYS
……
I WISH
TIME COULD HAVE STOPPED THEN
SHIZUKU?

!!?
KYAAAAAA!

HAH
ビクッ!!


HAH
HAH
HAH

HAH
HAH
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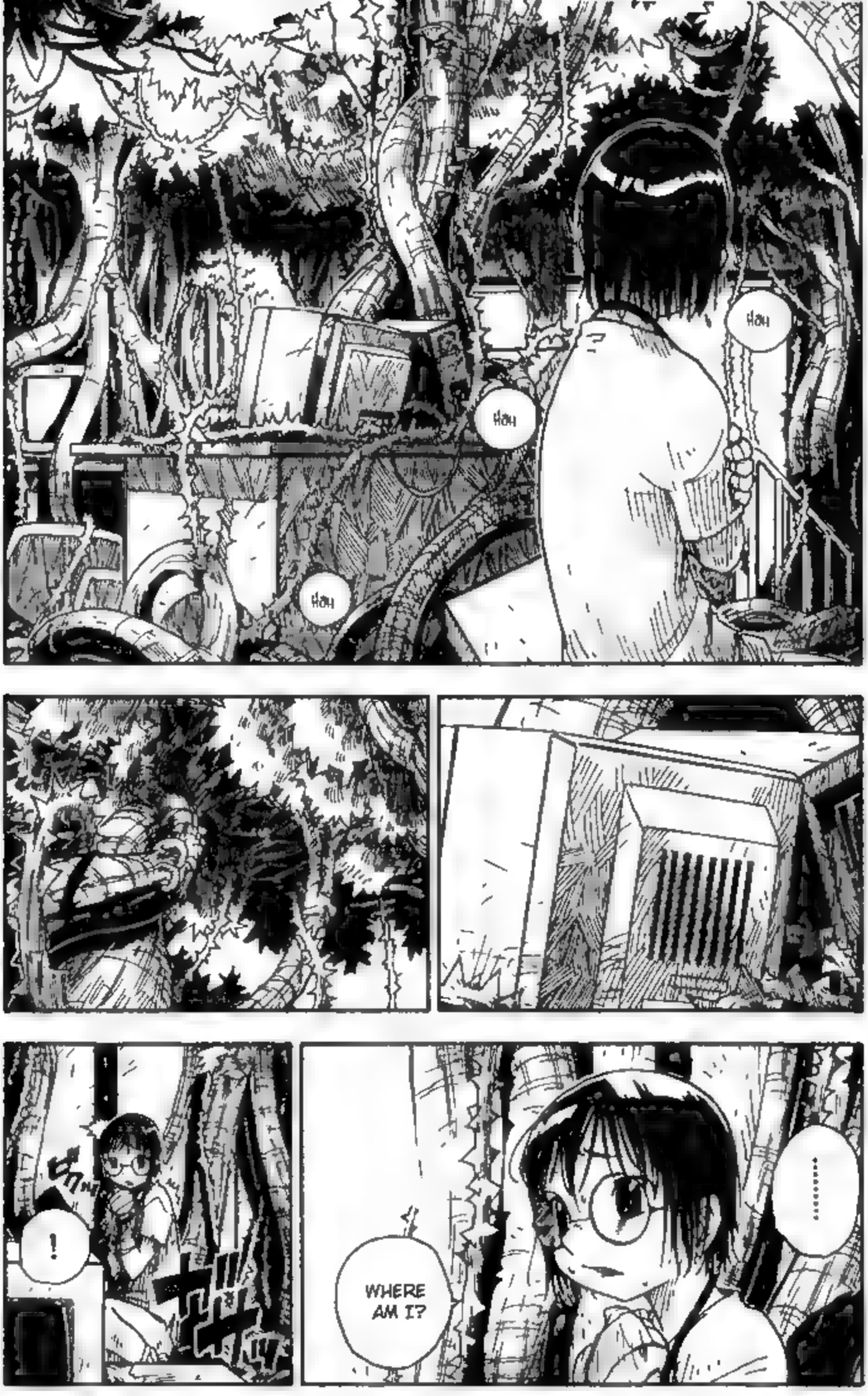
HAH
HAH
A DREAM?

WHY
WHY THAT DREAM
HAH
HAH


HOH
HOH
HOH
!
WHERE AM I?

IT SHOULD BE AROUND HERE SOMEWHERE...
HERE...
DAMN IT!
!?
!!
I HAVE TO GET AWAY FROM HERE
I
THAT'S RIGHT

CRUNCH
HUH
WHAT THE HELL ARE ALL THESE THORNS...
HUH
STUPID ...
DAMN!
HERE IT IS!
!

THIS IS WHAT I WAS LOOKING FOR.
HAHA...
THIS IS IT.

HAH
HAH
HAH
YAAH!

HAH

HAH

HAH

AH...!

WHAT NOW...

HAH

UGH...
?
AH...
YOU...
Y...
NO!!
AH...
UGH...
30.....

OUCH...
DAMN ...
WAIT
W...
DAMN IT!
WAIT!
HELP!

AGH!
KYA!
WAIT ...
JUST LISTEN...
!
KAH
KAH
DON'T GO IN THERE!
NO!
KAH
!
!

AH...

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ズル
AH...
AH...
ゴゴゴ
LIKE I SAID, YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE GONE IN THERE.
YEAH...
THEY ALL DIED FROM MEDUSA.
!?

HAH
HAH
HAH

SHIT
YEEGH
HAH
HAH
HAH
DAMN IT
KYAAAAAA!
HAH

RUN!
NOW!
NEVER MIND, JUST HURRY!
BUT TIM.
HAH
HAH
SHIT
RUN!
GET AWAY!

I PROBABLY JUST PISSED HIM OFF.
I DON'T THINK HE'S GOING TO GIVE UP.

OLD MAN....
I'M NOT EVEN MARRIED.
HOW ARE YOU, OLD MAN?
HAH
.....

NEXT TIME YOU RUN AWAY YOU'LL LEAVE ME BEHIND.
HEH.
WHINING AGAIN...
I DON'T THINK I'LL MAKE IT.
NOT GOOD.
HOW'S THE LEG?
IF YOU GIVE UP YOU'LL NEVER ESCAPE.
NO MATTER WHAT,
JUST SHUT UP...
YOU'RE STILL ALL RIGHT.
IF YOU'VE GOT THE ENERGY TO COMPLAIN,
.....
I DON'T HAVE ANY OTHER WEAPONS.
.....
I THINK HE IS.
!
THAT KID...
IS HE OK?

YOU SAID YOU TOOK THIS AS A JOB.
WHY DID YOU ACCEPT SUCH A DANGEROUS MISSION?
.....
WAITING FOR US TO SHOW UP.
HE'LL BE STANDING AT THE EXIT...
THIS WAS A HELL OF A LOT BETTER THAN BEING BORED.
.....
I STILL HAD 60 YEARS OF MY SENTENCE LEFT.
.....
WHEN THE CIA CAME TO ME...
HAH
HAH
GROWL

WHAT?

THIS...

I THOUGHT THIS WAS JUST A RANDOM OPENING...

?

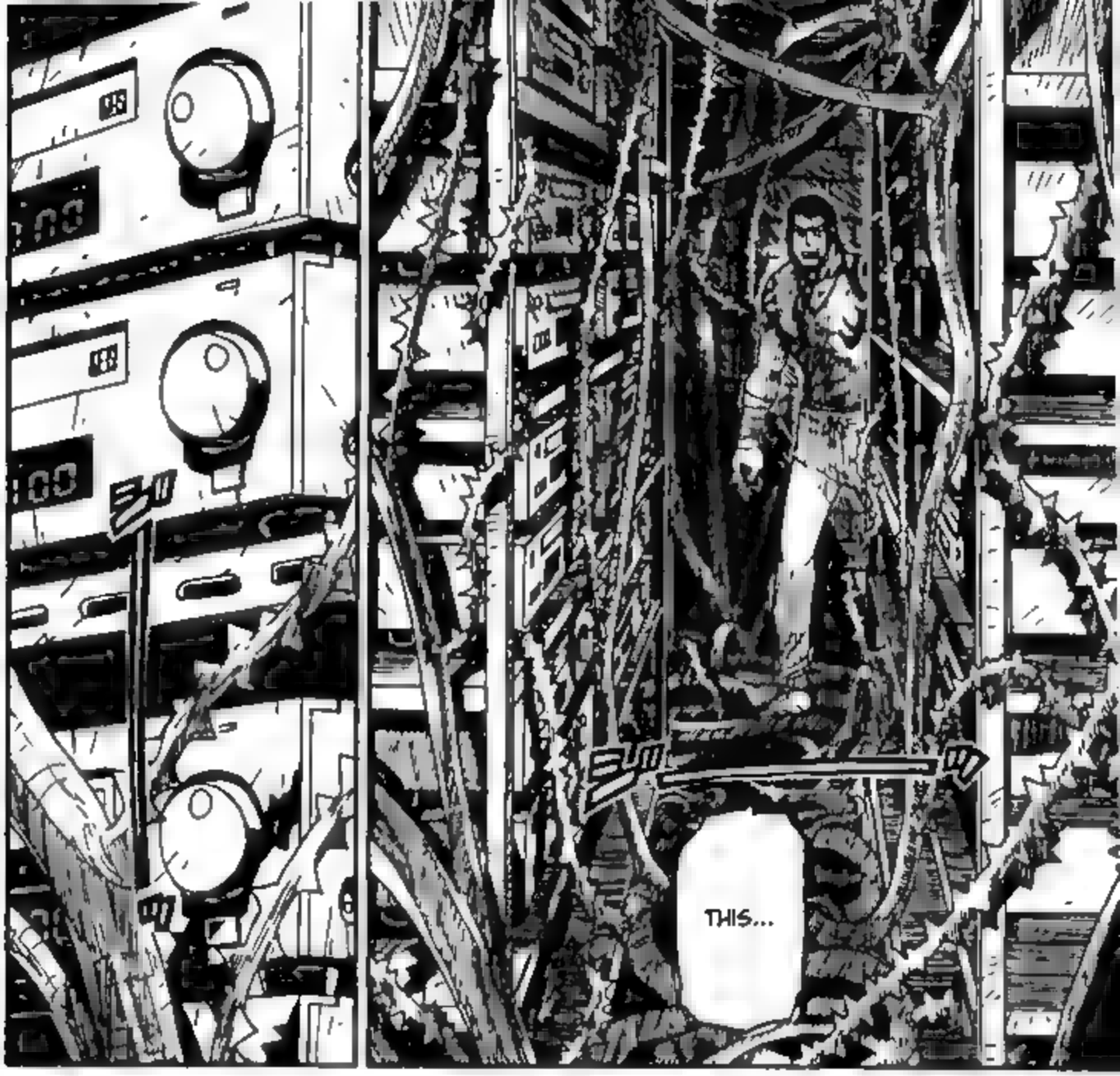
WHAT IS IT?

BUT THERE'S SOMETHING HERE.

!

.....?

SOME KIND OF MACHINE NOISE.


THIS...

HUH?

WHAT ARE THEY?
A BUNCH OF VIDEO DECKS.

WHAT?
WHAT'S BACK THERE?

WHY ARE THESE HERE?

THEY'RE ALL REWOUND.

AND NEARBY...

THEY'RE TAPES FROM SECURITY CAMERAS.

ISN'T IT OBVIOUS?

CREAK

CRRK

CRRK

CRRK

A SECURITY ROOM?

!

HAH

HAH

.....

WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO FIND OUT WHERE THE BOY AND THE OTHERS ARE.

MAYBE...

DO THEY WORK?

GRRRRRRR

BEEP

BEEP

SHHHHHHH

GROWL

DAMN IT...

HE JUST DOESN'T GIVE UP.

GRRRR

HAH

UGH ...

DO YOU SEE HIM?

TIM?

HOLD ON.

THE SYSTEM'S STILL UP BUT THE CAMERAS DON'T WORK.

CAN'T WE DO SOMETHING?

MOST OF THE MONITORS WON'T DISPLAY ANYTHING.

SHIT.

HAH

HAH

HAH

!
HAH
HAH
CLANG
LOOKING FOR WEAPONS?
HOW ABOUT THESE...

GEARING UP WITH ALL THOSE WEAPONS...
LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE FINE AFTER ALL.
UH...
HERE.
.....

SO I'VE GOT MY REASON FOR FIGHTING.
HAH
HAH
I'M AN AMERICAN.

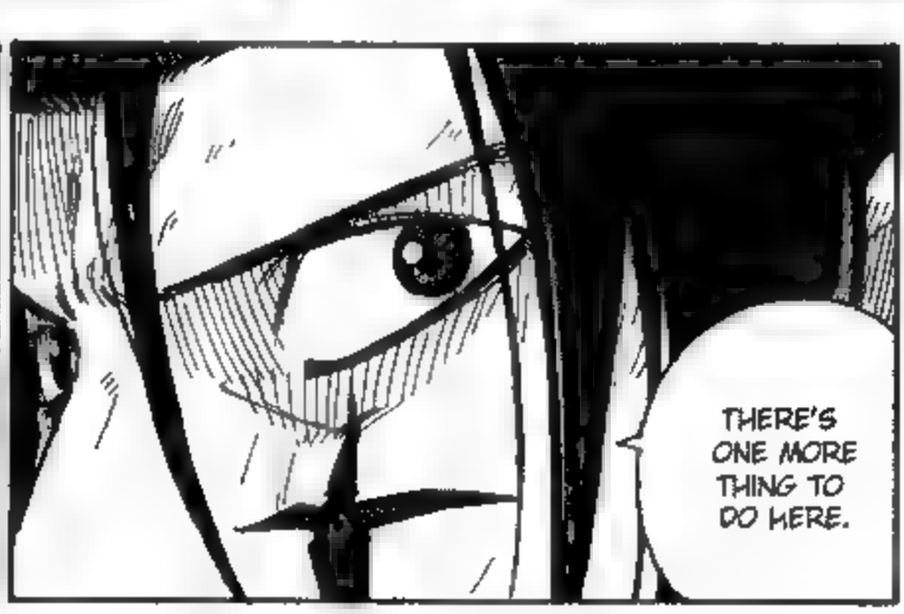
BUT WE DIDN'T FIND SHOES...
I THINK THAT'S GOOD ENOUGH.
HEH.
HAH
HAH
TO PROTECT.

MOVE OUT!!!
OK.

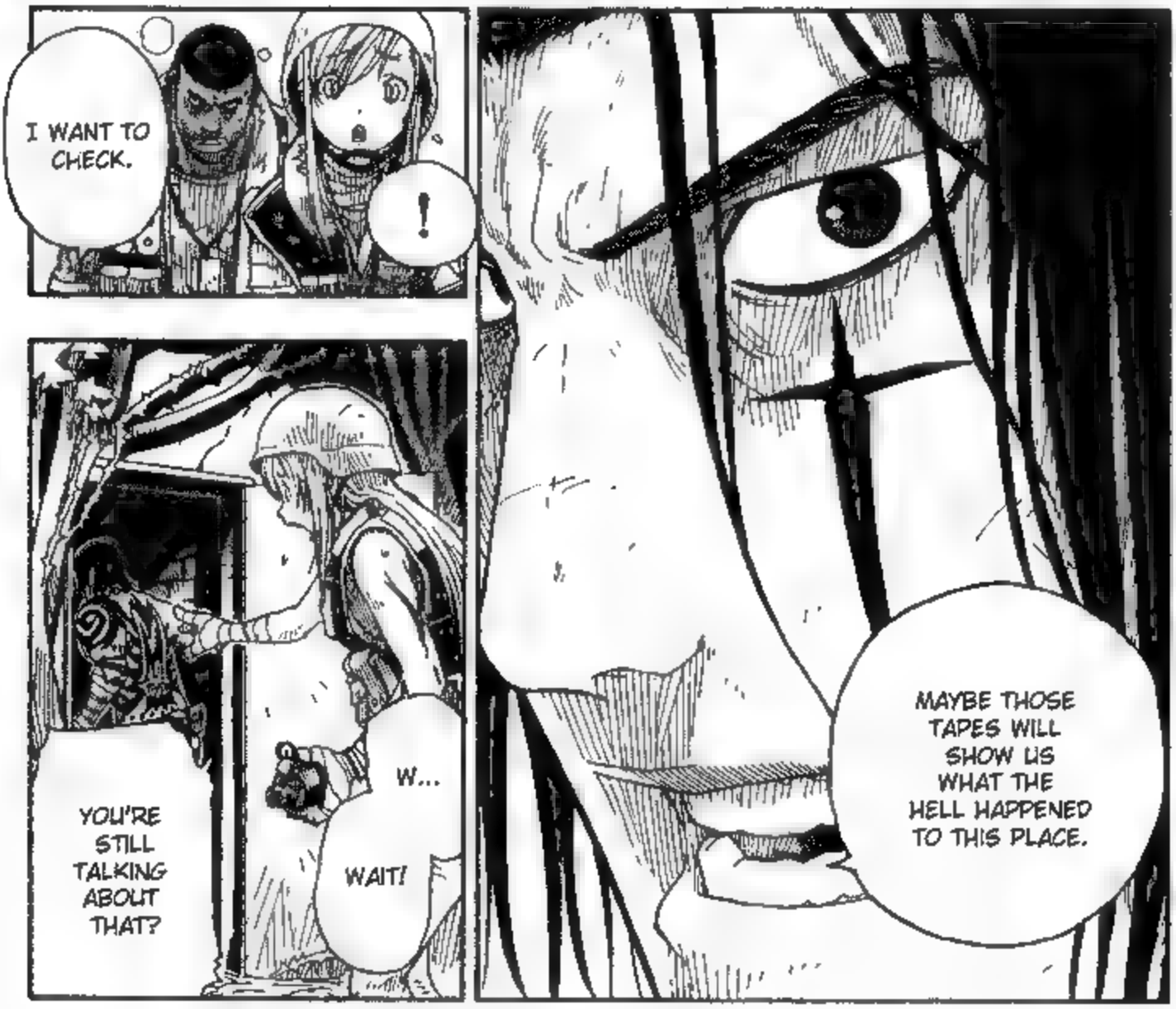
WHAT!!
.....

WAIT.
!?

WHAT?


THERE'S ONE MORE THING TO DO HERE.

THE TAPES ALL REWOUND AND THEN STOPPED.
SO THAT MEANS NOBODY WAS AROUND TO CHANGE THEM.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?


I WANT TO CHECK.
!
MAYBE THOSE TAPES WILL SHOW US WHAT THE HELL HAPPENED TO THIS PLACE.
W...
WAIT!
YOU'RE STILL TALKING ABOUT THAT?

WHO KNOWS IF WE CAN HELP THEM OR NOT.
IF WE'RE JUST BLUNDERING AROUND IN THE DARK,
HEY!
LET'S HELP THE KID BEFORE WE GO SEARCHING FOR ANSWERS.
DAMN.
HAH
HAH
STOP
PLAY
NO POINT IN DOING THAT.
PLAY
SOMY
SOMY
SOMY

THEY DON'T HAVE HAPPY SANGOKUSHI, BUT MANGA SCREENER IS STILL THE HOME OF THE BEST MANGA ON THE NET
MANGA SCREENER

Chapter 9
Level 4

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……!!
LET'S GET OUT OF HERE.
……
ゴゴゴ
RRRR SSHHH

SIT DOWN.
DO YOU WANT SOME COFFEE?
!
HAH, NOT LIKE I HAVE ANY.
SORRY...

I KNOW THAT YOU DIDN'T WANT TO COME WITH ME...
BUT I TOTALLY PANICKED.
I WOULD UNDERSTAND COMPLETELY IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE ANYTHING I SAY.
I...

...TO HURT YOU.
I DID NOT BRING YOU HERE ...
...JUST BELIEVE THIS ONE THING.

LET ME START FROM THE BEGINNING.
HOLD ON...

THIS IS THE REASON I WANTED TO COME HERE.
THIS...

.....?

I WAS ONE OF THE ENGINEERS FOR THE COLD SLEEP CAPSULES.
I...

IN COLLEGE, I WORKED ON THE COLD SLEEP THEORY, AND STARTED A COMPANY WITH MY FRIENDS.

NOT TO TOOT MY OWN HORN...

BUT THE COMPANY HAD A LOT OF PROMISE.

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THEN...

THE AMERICAN TECH MARKET'S BUBBLE BURST, AND OUR STOCK CRASHED.

WE HADN'T PRODUCED ANY RESULTS YET, AND WE WENT BANKRUPT.

THEY CAME TO ME.

YOU'RE DR. PETER STEAVENS, RIGHT?

THEN...

I'D LIKE TO TALK WITH YOU.
……?
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ガチャ
HERE IT IS.

OK.

LET'S GO.

.....

AND TO DEVELOP A CURE FOR MEDUSA.

EVERYTHING IS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF YOUR COLD SLEEP CAPSULES...

THE POWER SYSTEM IS BACKED UP BY TWO WIND GENERATORS AND ONE WATER.

THIS IS YOUR LEVEL 3 ID CARD.

PRETTY MUCH?

WITH THIS YOU CAN GO PRETTY MUCH ANYWHERE IN THE BUILDING.

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LEVEL 3

PETER STEINFELD

ID

HERE.

YOU WOULDN'T WANT TO BE INFECTED WITH MEDUSA...

RIGHT?

OF COURSE NOT.

HAHAHA

OTHER THAN THAT, YOU'LL HAVE FREE ACCESS.

THE ONLY PLACE YOU CAN'T GO...

IS THE MEDUSA SECTION.

.....
I'LL SHOW YOU TO YOUR RESEARCH LAB.
THEN, RIGHT THIS WAY.
YEAH.
PETER, LUCK HAS SMILED ON US AGAIN!
WE HAD ACCESS TO ALL THE MATERIALS WE NEEDED.
WE WORKED HARD WITH ALMOST NO SLEEP.
THE TIME FOR THE FIRST HUMAN COLD SLEEP EXPER-IMENTS...
GREW NEARER AND NEARER.

BUT WHEN WE WERE JUST ABOUT TO TEST THE CAPSULE...
IT HAPP-ENED.
.....
IT?
I'M GOING FOR SOME COFFEE.
WANT ANY?
NAH, I'M GOOD.
I'LL TAKE A CUP.
OK.

LEVEL 4
JONE ANDERSON
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...FOR IT.
THAT'S WHY IT HAPPENED.
AND THEN THE NEXT DAY...
!!?
LEVEL 4...
MEDUSA...
WELL, WHATEVER...

W...
WHAT HAPPENED?
PETER!
WHY HERE...?
THEY'RE FROM LEVEL 4.
WHAT SHOULD WE DO, PETER?
WHAT!?
THESE MEN SUDDENLY SHOWED UP AND CHASED US OUT!
WAIT!
ONLY LEVEL 4 PEOPLE CAN ENTER HERE!
NO!
DON'T TOUCH THAT!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
!!?

I'M SORRY...
LET GO OF ME.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN!?
THIS IS OUR RESEARCH LAB!
IS NO LONGER YOUR RESEARCH LAB.
BUT THIS PLACE...
PLEASE UNDERSTAND.
WHAT?
THEY'RE INTEGRAL IN OUR EFFORTS TO DEVELOP A TREATMENT FOR MEDUSA.
THE COLD SLEEP CAPSULES...
!!!
DAMN...

DAMN IT!
HAH
HAH
PETER...
PLEASE ASK...
IF THERE'S ANYTHING WE CAN DO...
.....
LET ME BE ALONE.
.....
MINE...
THAT'S MY INVENTION...

I'LL DO IT BY MYSELF.
BUT...
THANKS.
Back Space
Enter
Shift

Login - Level 4
ID
4CB2678WAC08
ess code
xxxxxx
OK
Incorrect
OK
.....
Incorrect
HEY.
!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
IT'S VERY LATE.
AH...
NOTHING REALLY...
I SEE.

CALL?
BYE.
MAKE SURE TO CALL LATER.
?
CALL...
CALL WHO?
.....?
DON'T OVERDO IT.
T...
ID 346AC7BWC02
PASS DEEPSEA
THIS...
!

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キョロ
……!
……
WHIRR
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カタ
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カタ
カタ
BEEP
UNAUTHORIZED ACCESS CONFIRMED.
KEEP AN EYE ON HIM.
ALL RIGHT.
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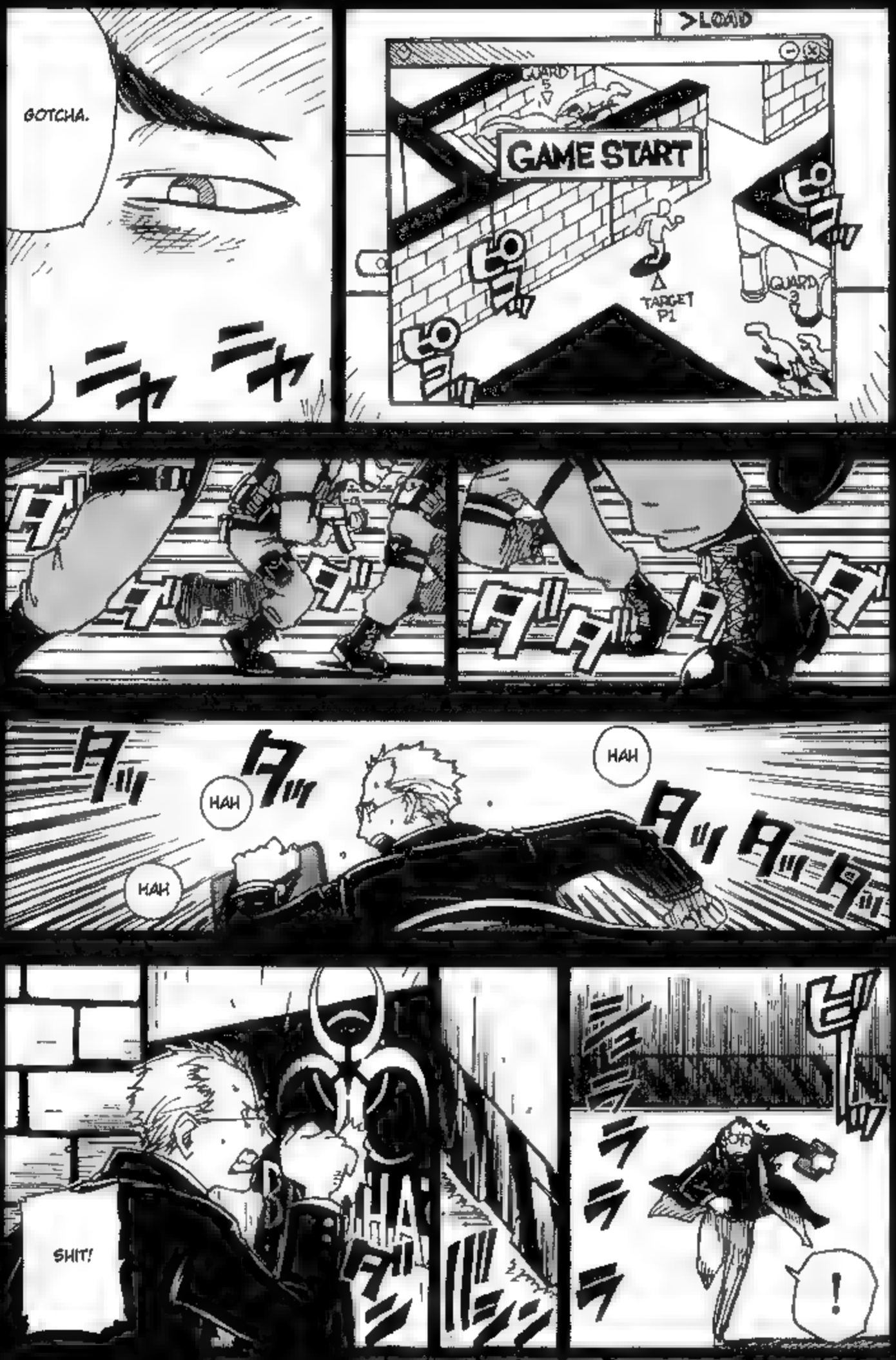
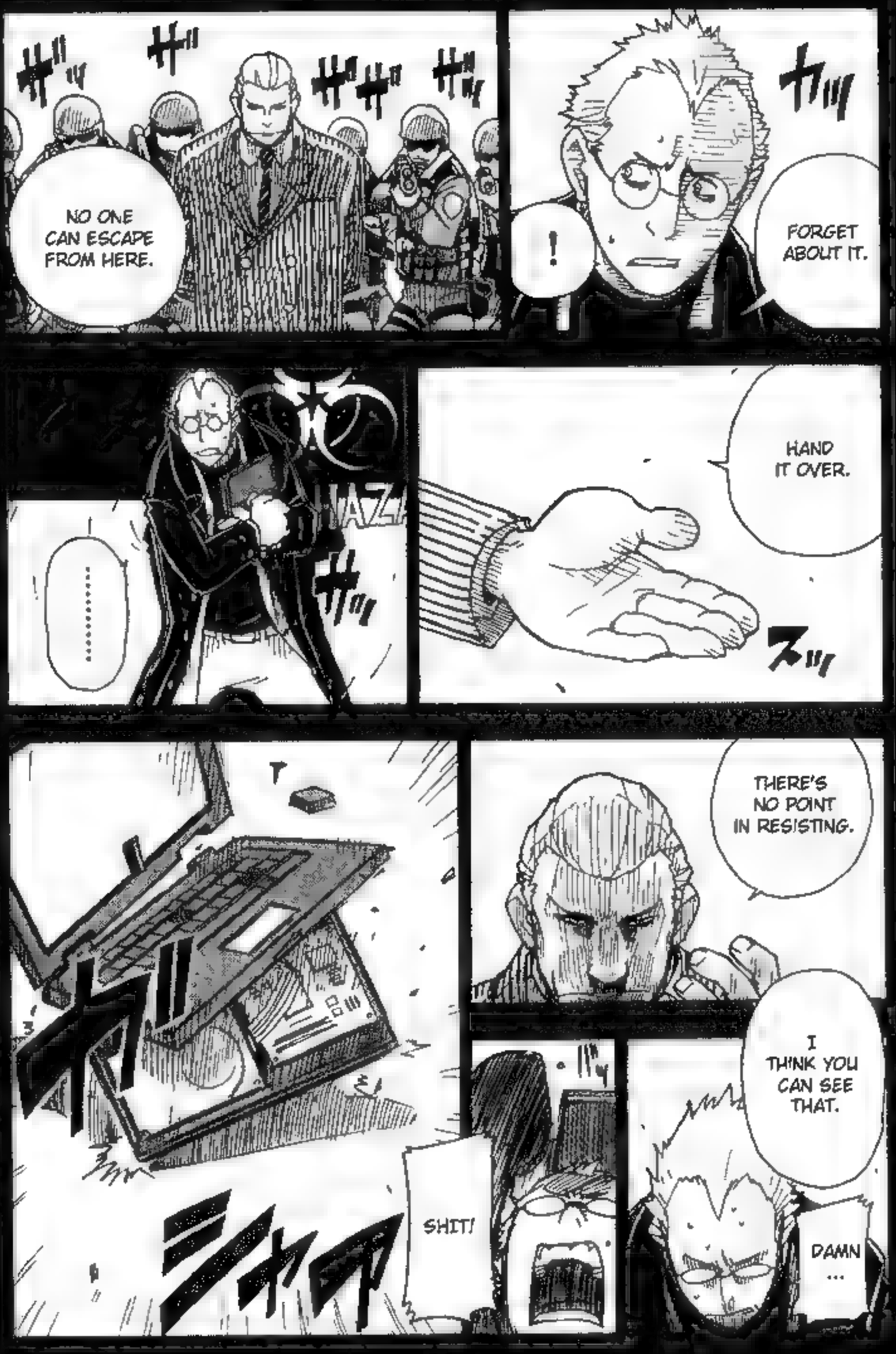
YOU IDIOT...
HEH HEH...
100%
OK!
.....
ILE COPY
COME ON!
78%
HURRY....
Cance
HAH
HAH
HAH
HAH
HAH

WHIRRR
HAH
HAH
HAH
WHIRRR
HAH
HAH
DID YOU FORGET ABOUT THE CAMERAS?
WHAT ARE YOU RUNNING AROUND FOR?
ALOHA OE!
HEY, SECURITY ROOM!
ARE YOU READY?
ANY TIME.
YOU CAN'T RUN AWAY FROM MY SECURITY SYSTEM...
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE.


GOTCHA.
>LOAD
GUARD 1
GAME START
TARGET P1
GUARD 2
HAH
HAH
HAH
SHIT!
!

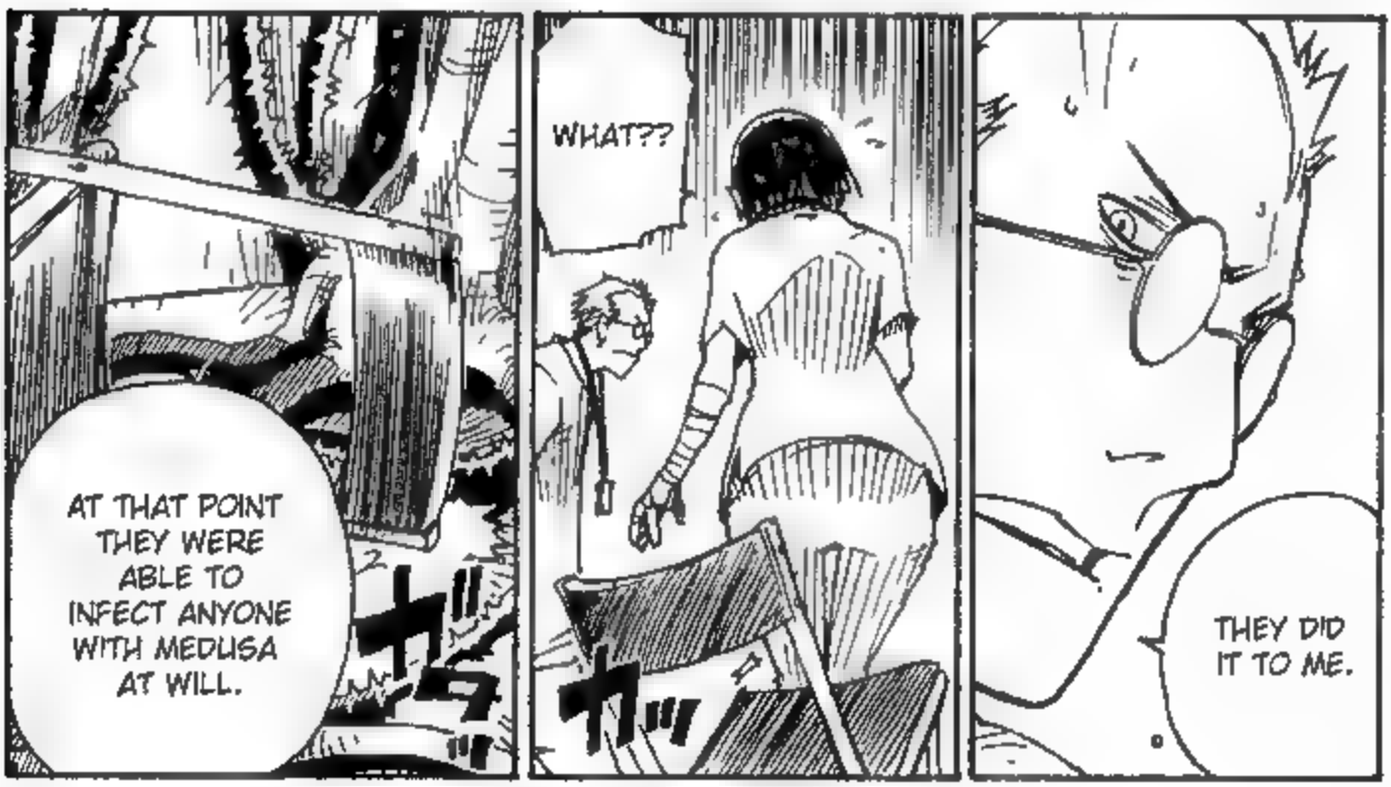

NO ONE CAN ESCAPE FROM HERE.
!
FORGET ABOUT IT.
.....
HAND IT OVER.
THERE'S NO POINT IN RESISTING.
I THINK YOU CAN SEE THAT.
SHIT!
DAMN ...

TAKE IT!
THAT WAS A GAMBLE.
.....
!
WHEN I SAW THE CHANCE, I SWITCHED THEM.
BEFORE-HAND I GOT ANOTHER NOTEBOOK THAT LOOKED THE SAME.
SO...
I KNEW ABOUT THE SECURITY CAMERAS FROM THE START.
HE WAS...
COMPL-ETELY FOOLED.
THE COMPUTER I BROKE IN FRONT OF THEM...
HAD NOTHING ON IT AT ALL.

WHA...
THE BULLET JUST HIT THE HARD DISK OF THE COMPUTER.
THE GAMBLE PAID OFF.
.....
.....?

I OBTAINED THE SECRETS OF LEVEL 4.
GO BACK TO YOUR POSTS.
HE CALLED THE GUARDS AWAY.
OK, THAT'S ENOUGH.
I PAID FOR THEM WITH MY LIFE.
.....
BUT ...
.....
YOU PAID WITH YOUR LIFE?

I WAS INFECTED WITH MEDUSA.
!
IT WAS SOON AFTER THAT...


AT THAT POINT THEY WERE ABLE TO INFECT ANYONE WITH MEDUSA AT WILL.
WHAT??
THEY DID IT TO ME.

IN OTHER WORDS, THEY KNEW EXACTLY HOW TO CONTROL AND DEAL WITH THE DISEASE.
BUT TO THEM...
THEY COULD INFECT OTHER PEOPLE WITHOUT GETTING INFECTED THEMSELVES.
HOW COULD THEY DO THAT?
MEDUSA WAS A MYSTERIOUS DISEASE...
TO US IT WAS.

THEY SAID NOTHING ABOUT IT!
EVEN [illegible] NUMBER OF DEATHS CONTINUED TO INCREASE...

NO...
IT WAS ALL THE WORK OF LEVEL 4.
N...

ALSO ABOUT MY CAPSULES!
WE SHOULD FIND OUT EXACTLY WHAT THEY DID.
IF WE JUST LOOK AT THIS...
BUT IT'S ALL RIGHT HERE.

.....
!?
STOP IT!

SHIZUKU IS DEAD, I KNOW IT.
!?
.....
JUST STOP...
I DIDN'T WANT TO COME HERE BY MYSELF.
ACTUALLY...
AND HOW WE WOULD DIE...WE COULDN'T SEE.
OUR TIME OF DEATH...
EVEN THOUGH WE WERE BORN ON THE SAME DAY...
IP
DON'T TOUCH ME!
"GO..."
.....
BUT SHE JUST KEPT SAYING...
"GO..."

OUR TIME TOGETHER ...
GIVE IT BACK!
GIVE IT BACK!

EVEN JUST ONE MORE HOUR!
EVEN JUST ONE MORE WEEK...
I WANTED TO BE WITH HER!
W...
WAIT...

YOU BETRAYED EVERY-ONE...
AND BROUGHT ME HERE!
TO BOOST YOUR OWN EGO...
THIS ISN'T MY DOING.
YOU'RE ALL THE SAME!
IT'S LEVEL 4...

JUST LISTEN!
NO!
LET ME EXPLAIN MYSELF...
YOU'RE JUST LIKE THOSE LEVEL 4 GUYS!
NO!
GIVE ME BACK MY TIME!
LET GO!
GET YOUR HANDS OFF OF ME!!
HOLD ON...
.....

WHAT WE JUST SAW ON THE VIDEO...
WE'LL SHOW IT TO HIM TOO.
ISN'T IT OBVIOUS?
WHAT NOW?
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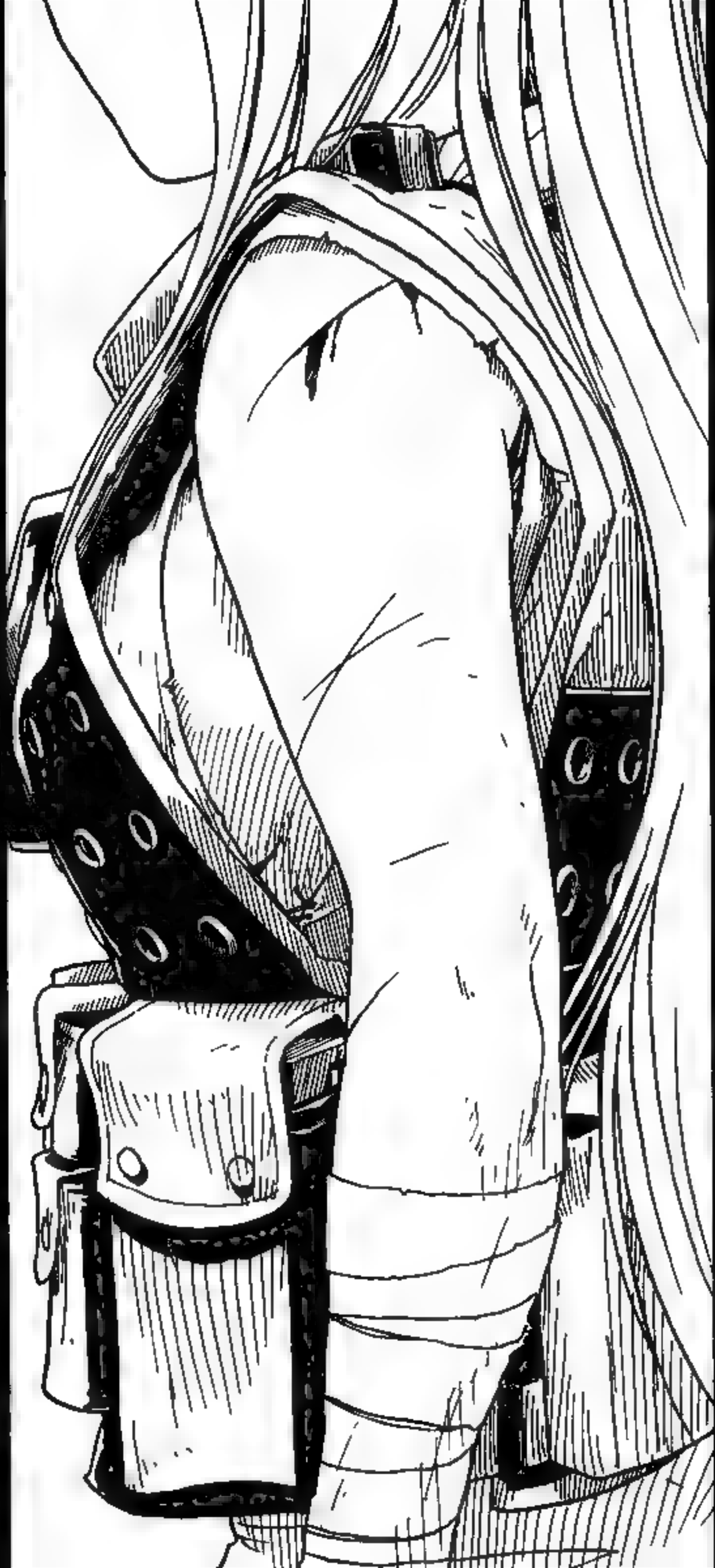
IT'S IMPORTANT.
……
TAKE THIS.
!

THEY DON'T HAVE HAPPY SANGOKUSHI, BUT MANGA SCREENER IS STILL THE HOME OF THE BEST MANGA ON THE NET
MANGA SCREENER



CHAPTER 10
THE PULSE OF BATTLE

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KEEEE

I WONDER WHY THEY'RE FIGHTING?

.....

THOSE LITTLE ONES.

THEY'RE APPEARING OUT OF NOWHERE ...

DON'T WORRY.

WE'RE BETTER OFF THAN WE WERE BEFORE.

Clack

THAT'S NOT VERY REASSURING.

GAH

WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?

PROBABLY FIGHTING OVER WHO GETS THE KILL.

US, OF COURSE.

IT'S TIME TO MOVE.

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OK.

YOU GRABBED THE TAPE, RIGHT?

YEAH.

CLICK

KYAA!

LISTEN TO ME!

WHY DID ALL THAT STUFF HAPPEN?

WHAT WAS GOING ON?

REMEMBER THE TIME WHEN WE ALL WOKE UP.

JUST TRY TO REMEMBER!

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?

.....

I DEVELOPED THE COLD SLEEP CAPSULES,

SO I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO NOTICED.

WHY WERE WE THE ONLY ONES TO SURVIVE?

EVERYTHING JUST FELT WRONG!

AT THAT TIME ...

THEY SHOULDN'T HAVE OPENED!

BECAUSE THEY COULDN'T BE CONTROLLED FROM THAT LOCATION,

MY CAPSULES ...

THERE WAS NOBODY THERE BESIDES US.

...SEE, ISN'T IT STRANGE?

!?

REMEMBER!

HAH

.....

.....

SO THEN WHAT?

BACK THEN
WHO DID
AND WHO KNEW?
WHO RODE IN THE ELEVATOR
AND WHO DIED?

WHY
...

WHY DIDN'T THEY RIDE IT?

ISN'T IT BECAUSE THEY KNEW THEY WOULD DIE IF THEY DID?

NO! THAT'S A LIE!

N ...

SO YOU ...

NOT COUNTING THE SENATOR, YOU WERE THE ONLY ONE WHO REALLY WANTED TO GET ON.

ONE OF US OPENED IT.

IT'S TRUE!

.....

THERE WAS NOWHERE TO HIDE.

I LOOKED ALL OVER.

UP TO NOW ...

EVERYONE TRIED THEIR BEST ...

ARE YOU SAYING THAT IT WAS ALL JUST A WASTE OF TIME?

THAT'S A LIE!

HA!

OK, GET READY ...

ROAR!

GET DOWN!

WHAT'S GOING ON!?

W...

!!?

AA ...

KYAA!

STEP

STEP

STEP

.....

!?

WHAT ...?

OUR BUL-LETS ...

DON'T WASTE YOUR FIRE!

KYA AA AA AA!

KYA AA AA AA!

DAMN.

ROR
R

HEE

HUH?

WHAT?

HERE, TAKE THIS.

BE CAREFUL WITH IT.

I TOLD YOU.

KYA!

!

DON'T BE SO CARELESS.
SHUT UP.

SHIT.
WHAT?

HE'S PRETTY NIMBLE FOR HIS SIZE.

SKRTCH SKTCH SKTCH SKTCH

DAMN.

WHOA
...

KYAA!

UGH
...

!!!!

WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON?

WHAT ...

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...
HNM

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HAH

HAH

HAH

UGH ...

UNH ...

!

ARGH!

AH,

I SEE.

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REVENGE FOR YOUR RIGHT EYE?

YOU'RE GOING FOR ME.

!!!

!!?

AAARGH!

MARCO!

!!!

GAGH

HE'S ONLY AFTER ME.

YOU CAN GET AHEAD ...

!!?

GRRR

RUN AWAY!!

.....

HE'LL FOLLOW YOU SOON ...

BUT ...

DON'T WASTE YOUR TIME!

HE'S A TOUGH GUY.

HUH? WAIT ...

C'MON.

.....

SSS

THIS WILL MAKE IT EASIER FOR ME TO DO WHAT I WANT.

HE HE HE ...

MAN, THEY REALLY WENT ...

WELL, WHATEVER ...

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UGH
...

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PLEASE ...

!

PLEASE DON'T LEAVE ...

YOU'RE RESISTANT.

!!

UNH ...

!!?

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STOP! S...

I ....

I WON'T FORGIVE YOU ...

W... WHAT ....

YOU BETRAYED EVERYONE LIKE THAT ...

NEVER!

WA ....

!!?

YOU FINALLY BELIEVE ME ...

NO!

W... WHY?

AND LEAVE PEOPLE BEHIND.

I CAN'T JUST RUN AWAY...

I...

HAH

HAH

I'M DIFFERENT FROM YOU.

HAH

...

!

I...

THWIP!

THEY DON'T HAVE HAPPY SANGOKUSHI, BUT MANGA SCREENER IS STILL THE HOME OF THE BEST MANGA ON THE NET
MANGA SCREENER

CHAPTER 11

THE CROSS AND THE CROWN OF THORNS

HAH

HAH

OK
...

HAH

HAH

ARC
WEN

LET'S
FINISH
THIS.

DRIP

DRIP

AAH!

KYA!

!

CLATTER

AGH!

UNNH ...

HAH

HAH

ZZ!!

ZZ!!

UGH ...

ZZ!!...

ARGH

CAN YOU STAND UP?

ZW

UH ...

UH ...

ARE YOU OK?

HAH

HAH

HAH

UGH ...

HIS BACK IS ...

!

I'LL CALL FOR HELP.

I...

!

I CAN'T FEEL MY LEGS ...

HAH

HAH

WHO ARE YOU GOING TO CALL?

!

IT'S ALL RIGHT.

.....

NEVER MIND ...

YOU'RE A VERY KIND GIRL ...

HAH

HAH

HAH

HAH

ALSO TO CRY ...

OVER SOMEONE LIKE ME ...

BELIEVING EVERYTHING THEY SAY ...

IT'S STUPID OF YOU ...

WHY...

WHY ARE YOU SO KIND?

I JUST ...

I...

MMH!

STUB-
BORN
BAS-
TARD!

DAMN
...

DIE!

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……

!?

NO...

I DON'T THINK SO.

HAH

HAH

DID HE RUN AWAY?

CRACK

!!?

SSH

CRACK

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UGH..

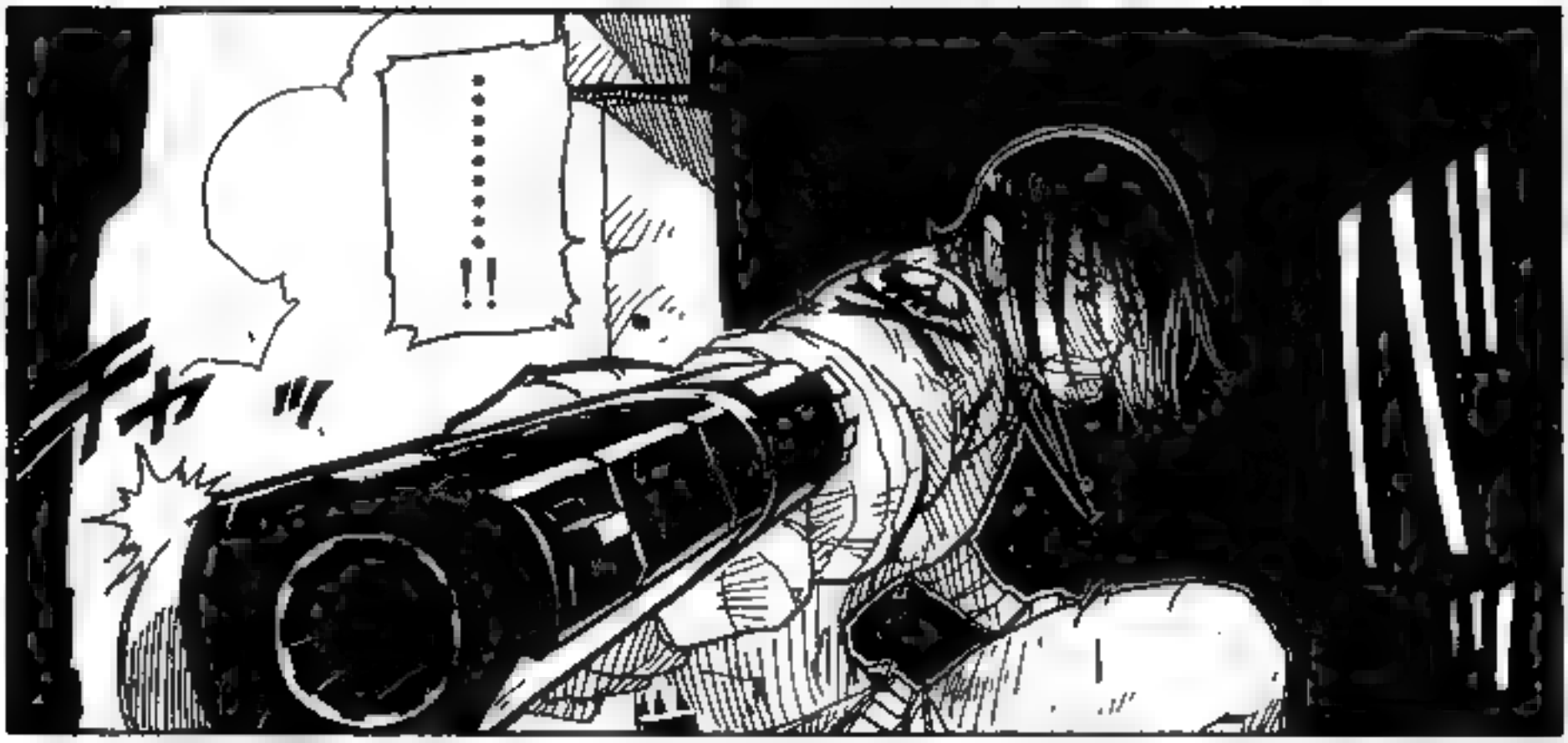
AAAH!

DAMN.

!!!

!

AAAGH!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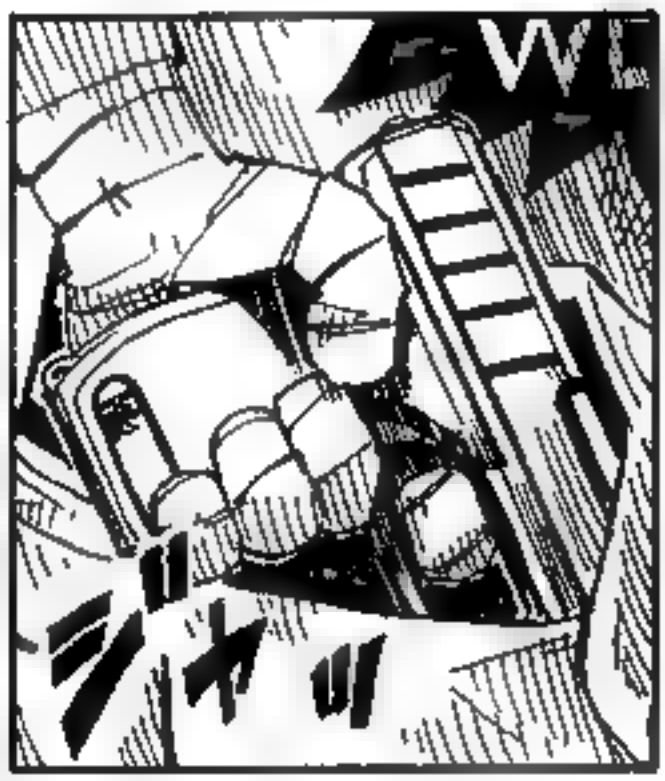
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WHERE DID YOU GO?

HAH

HAH

HAH

HAH

HAH

.....

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THIS...

A

A WOODEN FLOOR?

SNAP

SNAP

!!?

……!!

!!!

DA....

!!!

!!

SHIT
...

!

AAAAA...

AAAAAH!

AAAAA

I JUST...

DON'T WANT ANY MORE PEOPLE TO DIE...

THAT'S ALL...

!

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GAAH!

!!!

UGH...

AAH...

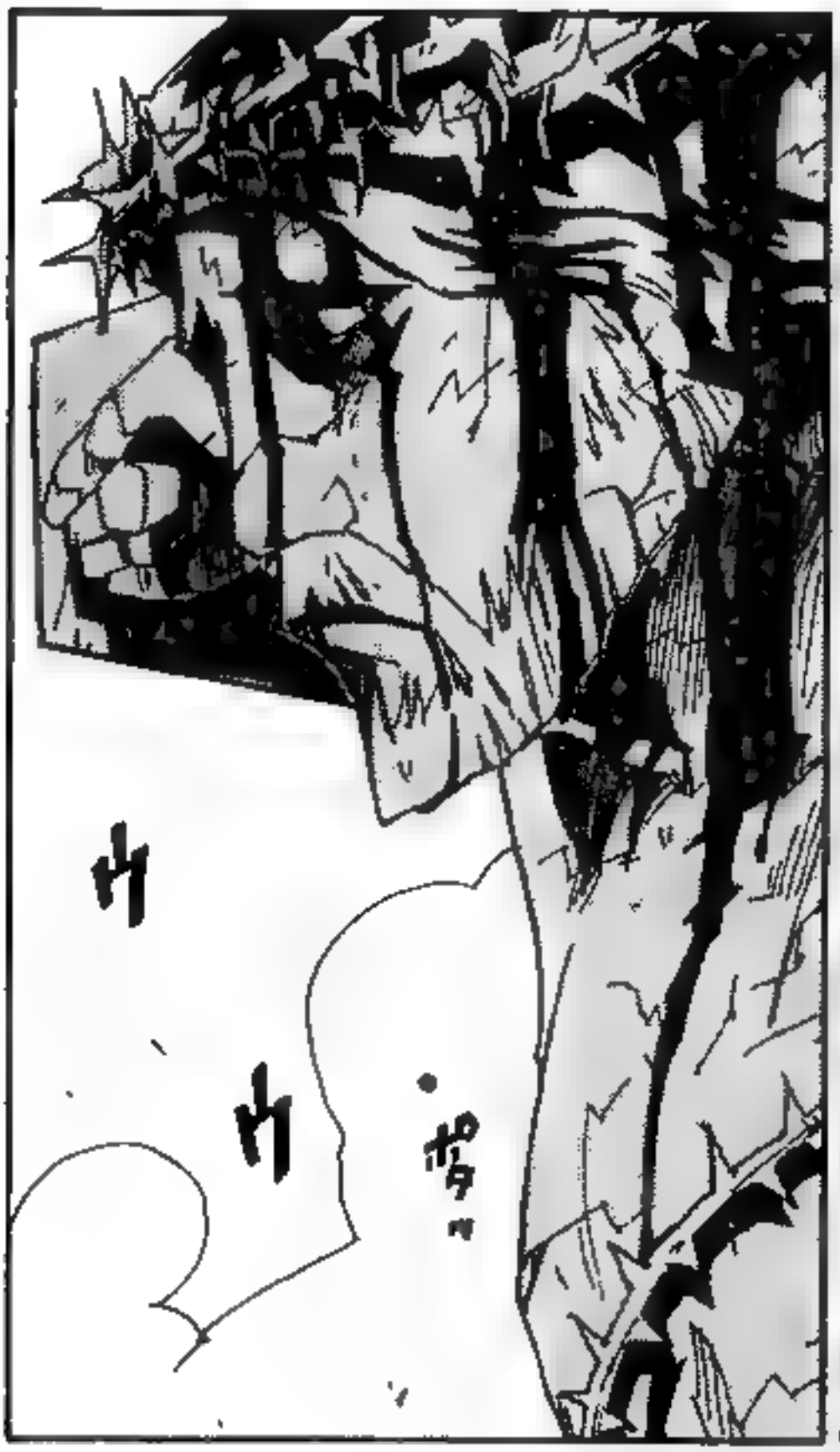
?

.....

UNNH ...

.....!

DAMN ...



SWISH

SWISH

IP

IP

HAH

HAH

SWISH

SO WHY ...

THAT'S ALL THAT I WANT ...

SWISH

SWISH

DON'T WE HAVE TO DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO LIVE?

WHY IS THAT WRONG?

GRRRR

GRRRR

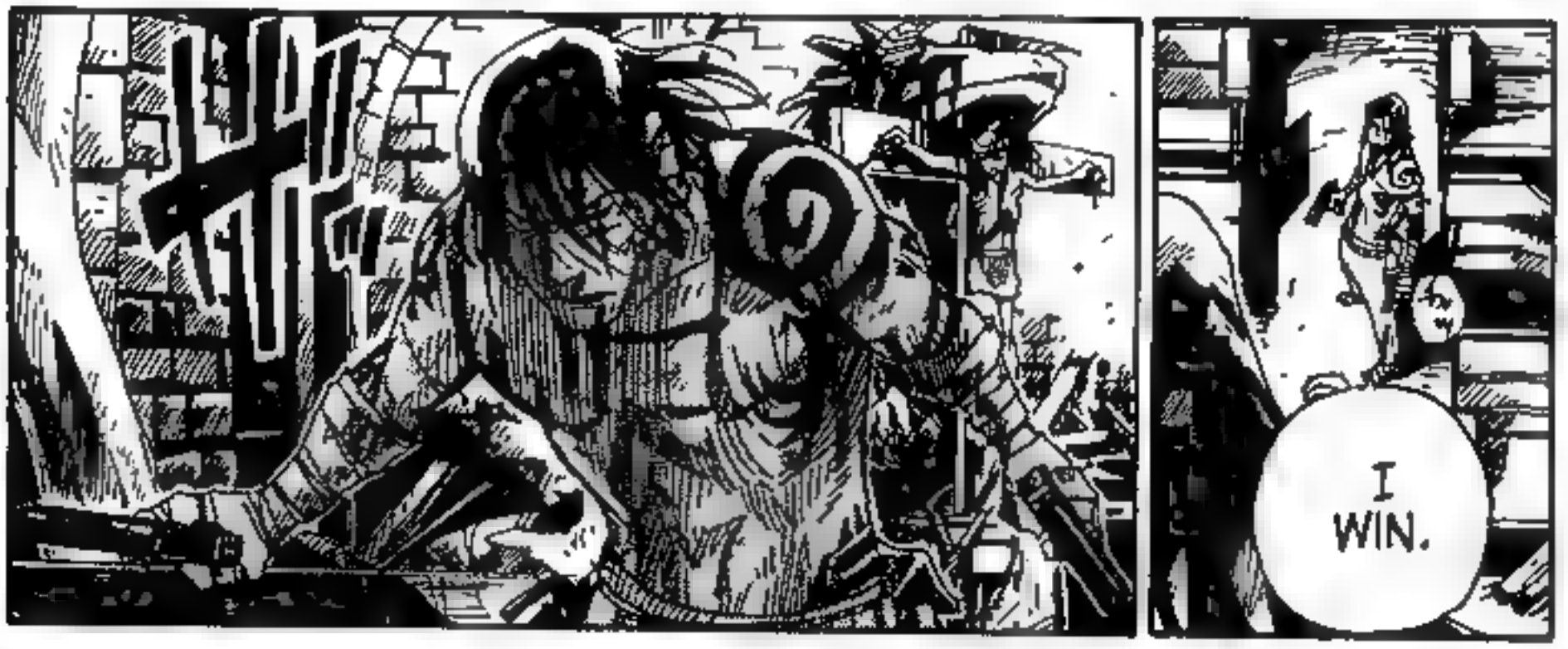
GRRRR

POP

GRRRR

.....

GRRRR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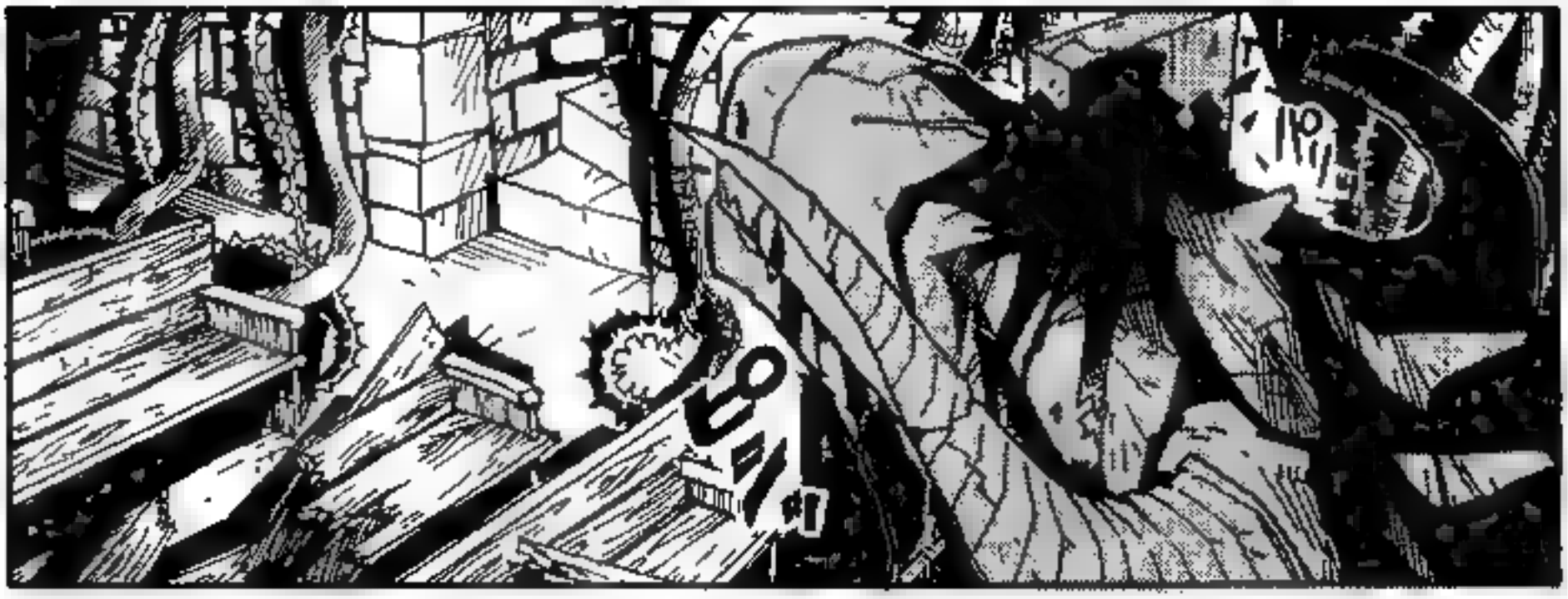
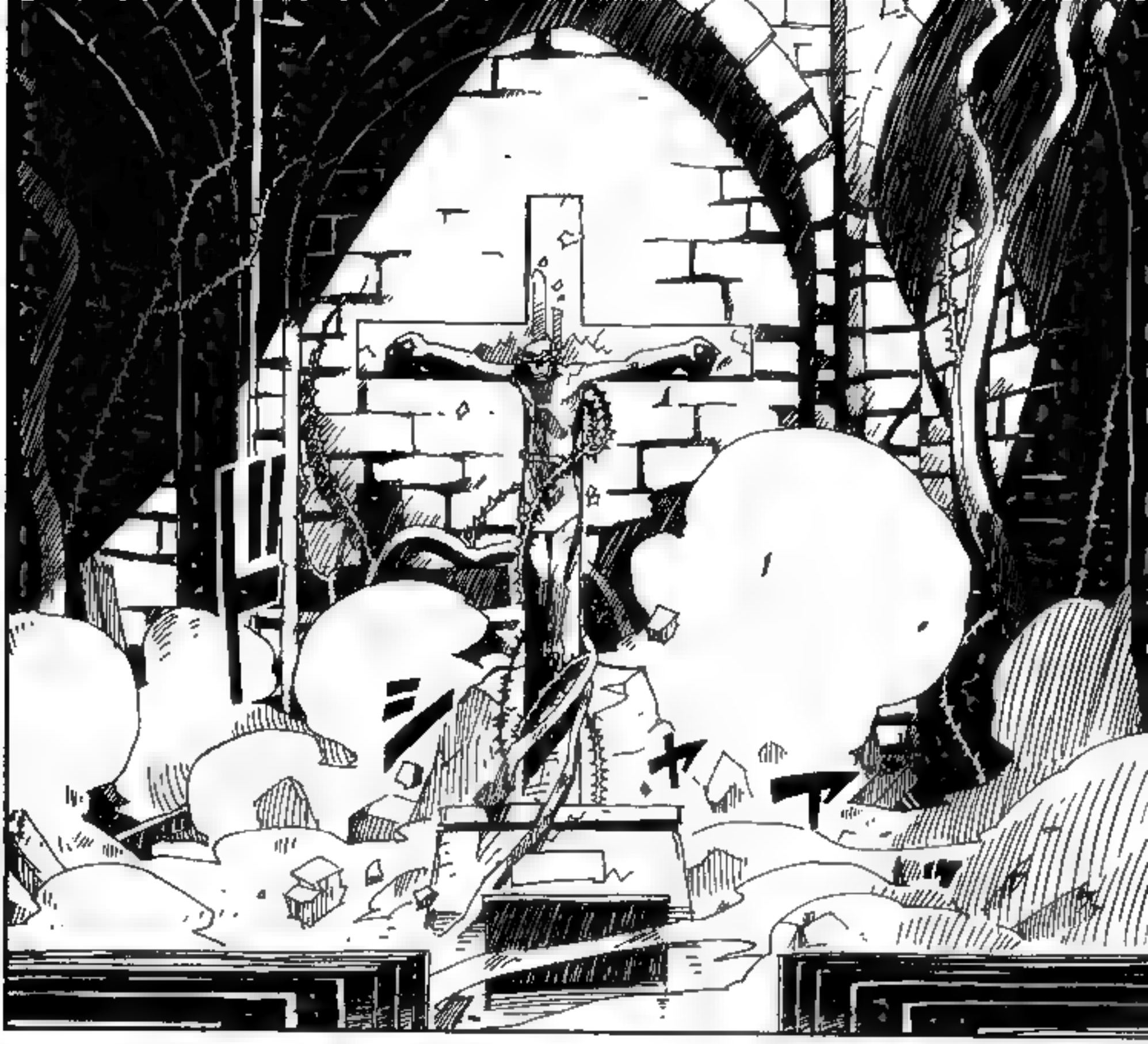
WIN.





I WON'T FORGIVE YOU IF YOU DIE.

I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING...
SO WHY...

HERE, LET ME GIVE YOU THIS.

Z..

SHIZUKU...

THIS IS WHAT I WORKED SO HARD TO GET ...

THE LEVEL 4 INFORMATION ...

THE TRUTH ABOUT MEDUSA ...

IT'S YOUR CHOICE ...

WHETHER TO GIVE IT TO HIM OR NOT ...

BUT...

HE SHOULD LOOK INSIDE ...

THAT TATTOO GUY ...

IT'S TOO LATE FOR ME ...

WHAT SHOULD I DO?

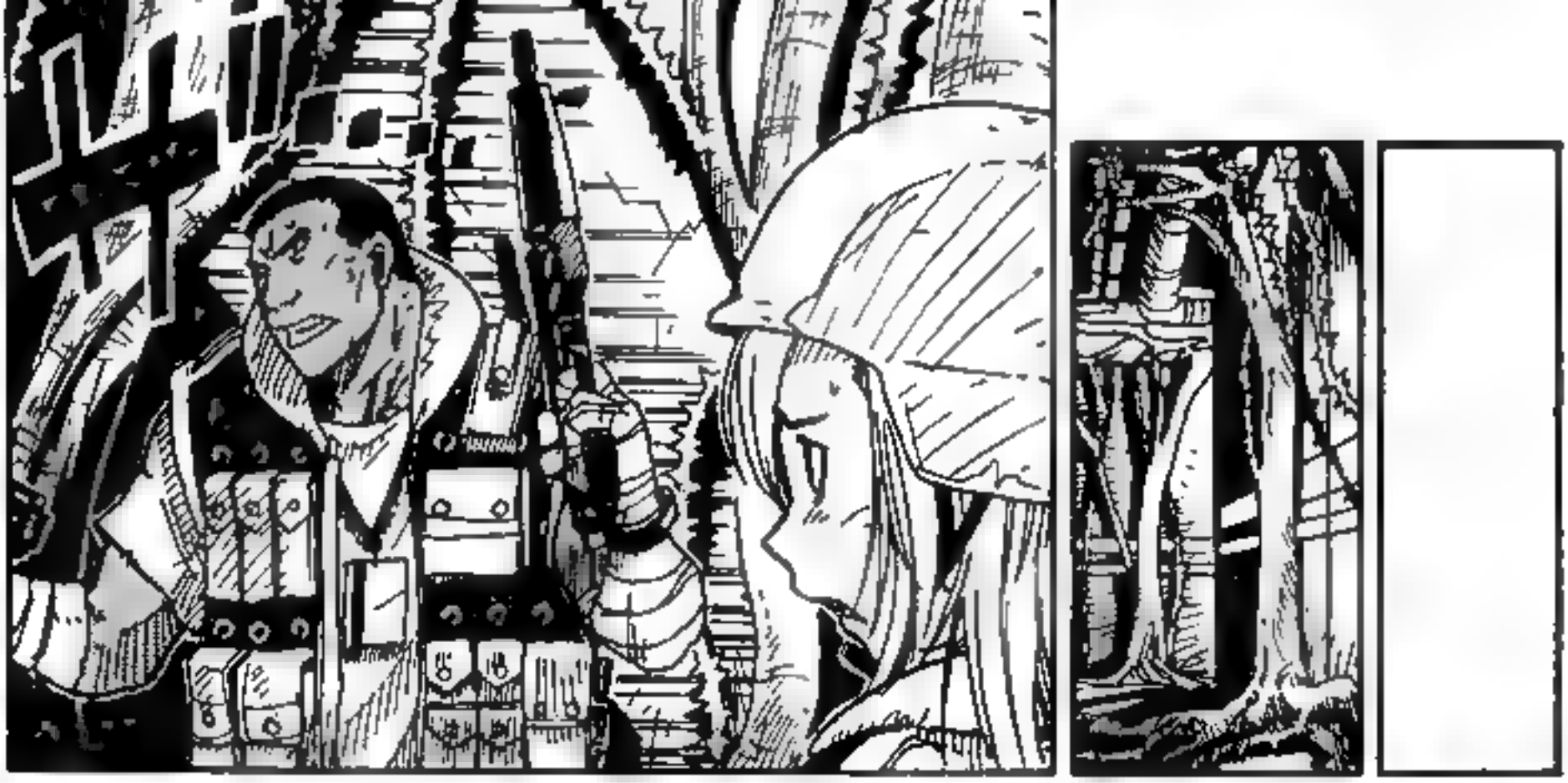
.....

COMPA

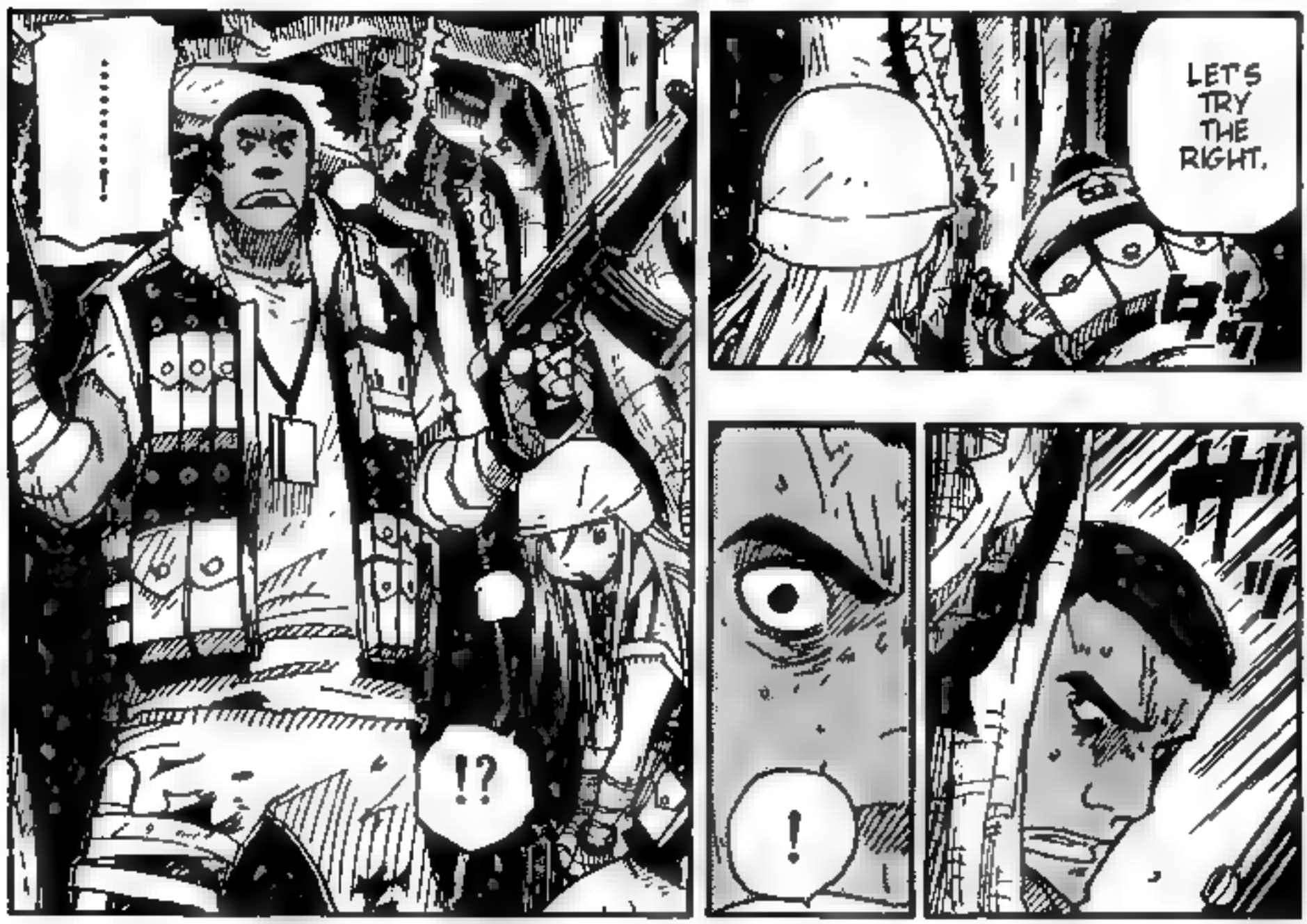
.....

I REALLY WISH SHIZUKU WERE HERE ...

AT TIMES LIKE THIS...



LEFT?
RIGHT?
WHICH WAY?
DON'T ASK ME.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!?
LET'S TRY THE RIGHT.
!
!!

YEAH.

BUT...

A DEAD END?

LOOK AT HOW WIDE IT IS...

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.....

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.....

DON'T LOOK SO SURPRISED.

.....

HAH

HAH

HAH

WHAT DO YOU HAVE THERE?

YOUR FACE IS GREEN...

HAH

WHERE'S THE OTHER GUY?

DID HE DIE?

HAH

WHAT'S WRONG?

Be continued to next issue.

いばらの王

まおゆー2003

本編

ありがとー
みんな

前回の単行本の
売上げで作者の
愛車もパワーアップ
する事ができた

この場を借りて
御礼申し上げるぜ

あー
いい湯だった

ありがとう
ございます

ホカホカ

ドタドタ

さて……
今回のネタは
何にする？

ゲームは？

そだな

超なつかしゲー

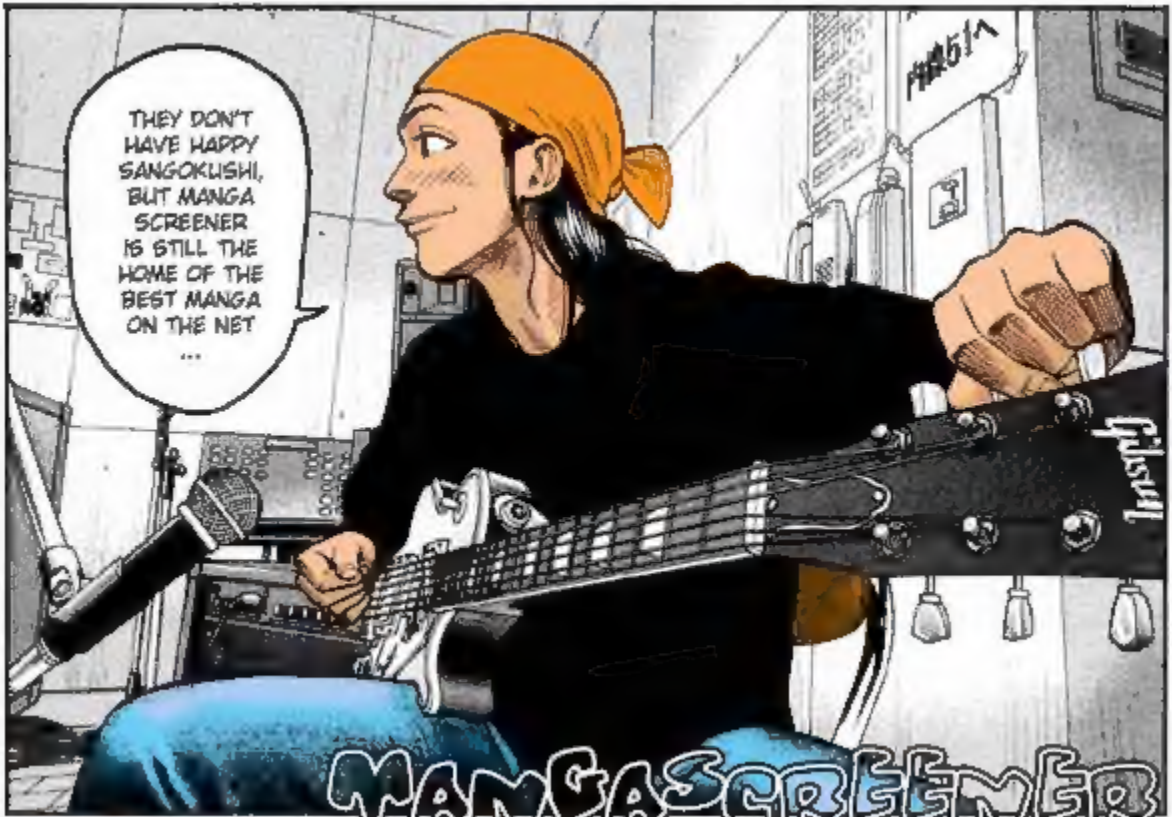
The BLACK ONYX ザ・ブラック オニキス

これが「ウツロ」という呪われた町に集まる
欲にまみれた亡者どもの共通の挨拶だった。
(…て言うか、セリフはこれしかなかったんだけど)

○『ブラックオニキス』は中学生の頃初めてハマった国産初の本格RPGだった。もう15年以上まえの話だ。若い人にはわからないだろう。しかし、今でも一番好きなRPGは？ と問われたら『ブラックオニキス』と答える。3Dタイプのシンプルな RPGだけど、思想的にはむしろ最新のRPGに近い。時代がようやく『ブラックオニキス』に追いついたと言えばおおげさだろうか？

○キャラクターを作る時、髪型まで選べるゲームは『ブラックオニキス』以外になかったし 町やダンジョンで自分達以外のパーティーが存在していた事も当時としては画期的だった。仲間に加える事も出来たしね。

○今やれ、と言われてもきっとやらないが記憶の中で美化されたこのゲームは今でも心の最良RPGなのだ。


THEY DON'T HAVE HAPPY SANGOKUSHI, BUT MANGA SCREENER IS STILL THE HOME OF THE BEST MANGA ON THE NET ...
MANGASCREENER